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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Now that the holidays are over it's time to think about membership, our annual dues, and new members. If each one of us would sign up a new member we could double our membership, we would be helping our organization and increase the interest in numismatics in Virginia. Also, if anyone knows of any type of coin club in Virginia that is not a V N A member, please let me know. Remember, you do a person a favor when you introduce them to V N A.

I have appointed Henry Hawkins as chairman of the 1976 Coin Week in Virginia. This will be April 18 - 24, 1976, the same week as National Coin Week. I know that you will all support Henry in this position. This year we will have a special focus on Coin Week, since we start the observance of the Bicentennial of our country. Begin now to select a theme, get your material together, talk to people in banks, libraries and other public places where you can find secure places for the exhibits and lots of people to look at and enjoy them. Schools would be good places to give talks and show how our money is a part of our history. Talk to the newspapers, radio and television people in your area - they are always looking for good stories. Have a theme in mind before you see them, so they will have an idea as to your interest. Don't hide your light, let it shine out bright and clear.

Remember also that the officers of V N A are interested in your coin clubs and we will help you in any way we can. If you have not shown one of our film programs this year, try one of these interesting and colorful shows.

Happy Numismatic New Year to you all.

George Miller President, V.N.A.

We regret to report the death of James N. Hunter, for the last 30 years vice president and general manager of Natural Bridge of Virginia, Inc. Mr. Hunter has been a booster of V N A for many years, and will be remembered as a gracious host in all of our annual meetings held at Natural Bridge.

# news of our clubs

# MEHERRIN VALLEY COIN CLUB

The annual dinner meeting was held at Tommie's Restaurant, Boykins, Wednesday, Dec. 10th. Visitors were: Rev. Carroll Beale of Boykins, Don Roberts, VNA Hampton, and James Johnson, VNA Richmond. Howard Spain of the Club is also on the VNA Board of Directors. James Johnson gave an interesting talk on early coins of the colonies and also displayed a number of examples from that time. Each member and guest present was presented with a "Miss Liberty" medal of bronze proof in case, minted by the Lombardo Mint.

Bill Earley installed the officers for 1976: Jack Beale, President; Carol Morgan, Vice-Pres. and Delbroe Johnson, Sec.-Treas. Jack Beale was in the hospital, but he will serve after he regains his health. The past-president's plaque was presented to the out-going President, George Scott, by the secretaryl A short auction closed the very pleasant annual dinner meeting.

# SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

The November and December meetings were scheduled to feature an election of officers and the annual dinner meeting, along with short auctions.

### RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Club members enjoyed their annual banquet at the Aberdeen Barn in December. The drawing for the Unc \$5 gold piece was held there and it was won by one of the newer members. Officers for 1976 are: Bill Lambert, Pres.; Dr. Burch, Vice-Pres. and Anne Bromley, Secretary. Good programs are being planned for 1976. Visitors are welcome at the meetings held on the first Thursday of the month.

### FRONT ROYAL COIN CLUB

The club held a successful coin show at the Fire House in November, and also took part in the Festival of Leaves in October. Coins were donated by members and sold at the Thieves Market. Membership in the Club has increased by about 25% in the past year. Winter programs are being planned.

### SALEM COIN CLUB

Plans for the winter program include the November Coin Show at the Mall and the Christmas Dinner Meeting.

# ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Milton Becker gave an excellent program on the 1970 Ten Pound Mikveh Commemorative Coin at the November meeting. In December, a dinner meeting was held and the officers for 1976 were installed: Milton Becker, Pres.; Larry J. Miller, Vice-Pres.; Helen Nesson, Sec.; Ted Maroulis, Treas., and Directors: Howard Kahn, Jim Morris, Leonard Kaplan, Aaron Behrman, Bill Bailey and Mort Ronick.

### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Programs for the November and December meetings were: U.S. Small Cents by John Balchunis and U.S. Commemorative Coinage by James E. Norris. The Christmas party was held at the Lake Write Motor Lodge.

Plans are being made for the annual banquet on March 26 and Coin-A-Rama 1976 on March 27 and 28, 1976 at the Mariner Motor Inn, Virginia Beach.

Commencing in January 1976 the Club will hold its monthly meetings at the Virginia Wesleyan College Library. This will be a more central meeting and there will be room for more members.

# FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

Plans are being made for winter meetings. Officers elected for 1976 are: John Lippincott, Pres.; Danny Fines, Vice-Pres.; Andrew Polley, Junior Vice-Pres.; George Miller, Sec. and Larry Spangler, Treasurer.

A desk set was presented to retiring President W.T. "Bill" Baldwin in appreciation for his five years of service to the Club as president and auctioneer.

### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Modern Coinage of Mexico, by Sr. Enrique Buj Flores, Counselor of the Mexican Embassy, was the topic for the November meeting. In December, displays and fellowship were featured. Officers elected for 1976 were: Diana Dietz, Pres.; Karl Hoke, 1st V-Pres.; Arthur Aron, 2nd V-Pres.; Mary Sharer, Sec.; Eldridge Jones, Treas.; Rudi Saenger, Sgt-at-Arms; Board Members: Sedgwick Moss, Geo. Vanderwende, William Morris and Raphael Shnirman, and Club Repres.: Herbert Price, Eldridge Jones and Julian Leidman. This will be the Club's first lady president.

### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Jim Ross gave an excellent talk on early crowns in November. In December, Frank Hannah gave a V N A slide program. Officers elected for 1976 were:

Carolyn Gearhart, Pres.; Harry Holland, Vice-Pres.; Jim Ross, Sec-Treas. and Bob Coltrane, Sgt-at-Arms. The meeting place will be changed, starting in January. Plans for the annual dinner meeting in February are under way. This will be the Club's first lady president.

# SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Plans are being made for various winter activities, including a one day coin and stamp show to be held on February 29, 1976 in Petersburg, at the Ramada Inn, near Exit 3 from I-95. Bourse chairman is Gerald Perry, 656-B Pusan Road, Ft. Lee, Virginia 23801.

# Calendar of Coin Shows

Club	Location	Date
Southside Virginia Numismatic Association	Ramada Inn, Exit 3, Petersburg	February 29
Tidewater Coin Club	Mariner Motor Inn Virginia Beach	March 27 - 28
Shenandoah Numismatic Society	Holiday Inn, East Winchester, Route 50	May 15 - 16
Maryland State Numismatic Association	Baltimore Hilton Inn Pikesville Baltimore, Md.	June 26 - 27
Virginia Numismatic Association	Mariott Twin Bridges Motel Alexandria	Sept. 17 - 19

### 1976 V N A DUES

Please remember that the dues for 1976 are now payable to the Secretary-Treasurer - Mr. Richard Jones, P.O. Box 1981, Roanoke, Virginia 24009. With the increase in the cost of postage, it will help if you all will send it in to him. Thanks for your cooperation.

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# THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL AND ITS FEDERAL LAND GRANTS

Surely everybody remembers that fellow "Everybody Knows" from their own school days. Back then everybody knew the song telling of the sad death of the engine driver named Casey Jones and his brave actin staying at the throttle to try to save the lives of his passengers, until it was too late to save his own.

According to the World Book: Jones, "Casey", John Luther (1864-1900), was the brave railroad engineer who gave his life to save the lives of his passengers and crew. On the night of April 29, 1900, he brought the Illinois Central's fast mail train, the New Orleans-to-Chicago "Cannonball", into Memphis, Tenn. He volunteered to run the southbound train when he learned the engineer was sick. Early the next morning, through no fault of his, Casey Jones' Engine 282 struck the rear of two freight trains protruding from a siding at Vaughan, Miss. His body was found in the wreckage with one hand on the throttle and the other on the air-brake lever. If he had not stayed in the engine to put on the brakes, the crash would have been much worse. The song about him has immortalized the skill, courage, and drama of railroading. He was born in Cayce, Ky., thus the nickname.



CASEY'S OLD STEAMER

Believed to be the oldest steam locomotive of its vintage still around, Old No. 201 is the same engine once driven by the legendary Casey Jones in Chicago's suburban service before the turn of the century. The 95,760pound locomotive, built in 1880 by Rogers Locomotive, now rests on the grounds of Owatonna Tool Company, Owatonna, Minn. R.W. Kaplan, president of the company, is shown on the left. His interest in the engine began when he saw the old steamer 20 years ago in Vonachen Junction, a suburb of Peoria, Ill. Purchased this year from a restauranter who had owned it since 1965, the locomotive will be a symbol of the mechanical interests of the new owners, who plan to "restore it to its original state and preserve every nut and bolt." The 40-foot-long engine stands more than 14 feet and was operated by Illinois Central as a double-ender for push-pull operation. Back in 1893 Casey Jones was assigned as its engineer and shuttled more than 100,000 people between Chicago's Van Buren Street and the World's Columbian Exposition in Jackson Park. In 1928, Old No. 201 was retired to exhibition at what is now the Chicago Museum of Science & Industry, but was re-activated for the Wheels-A-Rolling pageant at the Chicago Railroad Fair in 1948. During 46 years of continuous service, it pulled 115,000 trains carrying some 25 million passengers.

According to many people, the land made America. It wasn't only what they took from it, but what they had to put in it. The land moulded American character.

It was the lure that drew settlers to America long after the dreams of finding gold in the streets had been dashed. It was the motivation of the men and women who built this nation. The land sustained them and gave them hope. It also made them tough. It freed them from the bonds of Europe's class society and swallowed up Old World traditions. Then came America with more than two billion acres of land in what became the United States. And a man willing to buy or earn it, could actually own a piece of land. These millions of people that came looking for land, and their children, made us what we are today.

Intensified and almost unamimous enthusiasm for improved routes of land and water transportation followed the War of 1812. The extreme difficulty of moving troops because of the lack of through roads, and the great amount of land haulage caused by the British blockade both pointed to the lack of adequate transportation.

The number of road, tollroad, bridge, canal (and later on, railroad) projects that were proposed placed an impossible burden on the existing methods of financing available from private investors or even the individual states. Thus the stage seemed to be set for the financing by the national government of a new comprehensive system of internal improvements. Albert Gallatin's statesmanlike plan of 1808 was still available to the Congress and, although no general section had been taken to forward this proposal, the federal govern-

ment had already, despite constitutional objections, contributed to various projects. Congress debated year after year, even decade after decade, the subject of federal aid to internal improvements. Over the years, some grants to aid internal improvements were made, but with no general agreement or policy. The real obstacle which kept defeating a general system of internal improvements was the bitter state and sectional jealousies which were wracking the new nation: Northeast, South and West all had different opinions as to what should be done. During this time the greater part of the money needed came from private and state sources. The Erie Canal was built entirely by the State of New York, but by 1860 the federal government had granted approximately 4,000,000 acres of the public domain to canal projects in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, and had subscribed over \$3,000,000 to the stock of canal companies. Many of the companies were helped by the states, banks, cities and individuals, by lotteries and by authorizations of banking priviledges. As time went on, overseas investors were increasing sources of the needed capital. But capital became more difficult to obtain. While the success of the Erie Canal had led to boundless enthusiasm, the financial crises of 1837 and 1839 brought exaggerated timidity. Then as now, it was found that agencies of transportation have very often failed to pay their way in the sense of earning a fair return on the capital invested in them. But turnpikes, canals and railroads which have failed to pay dividends have often been regarded by the communities they serve as worth-while investments, i.e., they were more useful to the public than to the owners.

Improved roads, canals and steamboats made their contribution, but they were not entirely effective in loosening the bonds which fettered the economy of the early nineteenth century. The United States encompassed vast distances, difficult mountain barriers, virgin forests, and great unsettled plains. Only a method of transportation by land - cheap, fast and flexible - could meet the pressing needs of agriculture and industry. The steam railroad provided the solution.

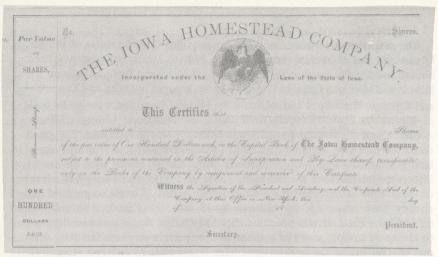
Engineering and technical skills increased with the rapid expansion of the railroad system in the United States, but the always pressing need was for hugh amounts of capital for land acquisition, construction and rolling stock. This was especially acute when the new lines went through thinly settled areas, as in the West.

Finally, in 1850, southern and western states combined to urge federal land grants for a north and south railroad, extending from northern Illinois to Mobile, Alabama. Representative from western and Gulf states could not by themselves muster enough votes, but with considerable eastern support, the bill became law. New York and Boston capitalists saw a real advantage in the building of such a line. Railroads in which they had heavy investments were pushing into Chicago and would be given valuable connections. Moreover, the large investments which many of them had made in Illinois land, as well as in Illinois state bonds would, they believed, appreciate in value.

The act, as passed September 20, 1850, provided that the states of Illinois, Mississippi and Alabama should receive federal lands lying within their boundaries for the construction of a railroad to extend from LaSalle on the Illinois and Michigan Canal to Cairo in Illinois, across Kentucky and Tennessee, and through Mississippi and Alabama to Mobile. Branches were to be built in Illinois to East Dubuque (then called Dunleith) and Chicago, Illinois, Alabama and Mississippi passed these lands on to the railroads. The grant consisted of a two-hundred-foot right of way and alternate even sections of land [the middle and western portions of the United States were broken up into grid systems, each section being one square mile, containing 640 acres] on each side of the road for a depth of six miles. If lands so granted had already been taken up, the railroad could take other lands within fifteen miles of the road. It was provided that the United States retained the right to transport troops, mail and government property over these facilities without charge, or, as the grants were later construed, at reduced rates. Substantially, this pattern was followed in other grants made previous to the Civil War. This subsidy totaled about 3,700,000 acres.

Though the grant of 1850 was regarded at the time as a special case, inevitably it set a precedent, and Congress was flooded with bills designed to appropriate tremendous sections of the public domain to aid in railroad construction. Most failed of passage; nevertheless, important bills passed in 1852, 1853, 1856 and 1857 granted lands to ten states, benefiting approximately forty-five railroads. These grants totaled around eighteen million acres. Large in an absolute sense, they were relatively small as compared with the tremendous acreage subsequently given directly by Congress to the transcontinental railroads.

The Illinois Central was granted a charter by the State of Illinois to construct that portion of the north-south railway within the State, about 700 miles, and was organized in March of 1851. The state turned over to the company the federal grant of 2,595,000 acres, but it had to be surveyed, located and platted before it could be used. It was decided to retain two million acres to use as a basis for loans during the construction period, and sell the rest as condition allowed. At this time there were millions of acres of land for sale by the Federal government, various states in the area, and land held by speculators. (See picture of stock certificate from a land sales company in Iowa and an advertising note from a land sales company in Minnesota.) To finance construction of the railway, stocks and bonds were sold in the United States and in England and on the continent, and a five million dollar loan was obtained in England. (See picture of a stock certificate for the railroad and a clearing house certificate of 1907 for types of financing at different periods.) This was only a small part of the cost of construction. The first estimate for construction by the promoters was about \$16,500,000, which was a large sum to be invested in a prairie railroad. One source states that in 1857, one year after the Illinois Central was completed, its total cost for construction and equipment was almost \$23,500,000. At



Stock certificate for the Iowa Homestead Company, a company that sold land to settlers,

the time, this was one of the longest lines built by a single company in the whole country.

Railroad mileage increased from 73 in 1830 to 30,636 in 1860. By that time the biggest increase was in the West, with Ohio and Illinois being the leading states and Indiana not far behind. With the limited amounts of capital available at the time, this work and that on the later transcontinental lines would probably not have been possible without the help of the federal land grants. Generous and timely as this aid was, it was strictly a business proposition and in no sense a gift. The greatest beneficiary of all was the



Stock certificate for the Illinois Central Railroad Company with map of its route.

community, which with rail service could develop far more rapidly than would otherwise have been possible.

Besides finding money for construction, the railroad also faced the twin problems of finding enough manpower to do the work on the right-of-way and selling lands to help raise money to pay back the loans and to provide the necessary customers for the line when it was completed. Both of these needed to be done as quickly as possible, and to the best financial advantage to the company.

A land sales company was set up, with offices and agents in various parts of the country and abroad. People were encouraged to come from the South,



1907 Chicago Clearing House Certificate for ICRR.

the East and from Europe to work on the railroad and settle on its lands. Town sites were laid out and schools were started. Help was given to develop new agricultural implements and methods of farming, since the prairies would not respond as did the older eastern lands and forests.

It is impossible to estimate accurately the number of immigrants who were brought to Illinois to work on the Illinois Central, but it does not seem an exaggeration to say that from 5,000 to 10,000 men were sent to Illinois from 1852 to 1856 by the Company itself, by its labor agents, and by the agents of the contractors. Many of these men simply added to the floating population and did not remain long in the State. On the other hand, there is much evidence to show that many of the laborers settled on the land and became successful farmers. Land sales and immigration efforts continued for many years after construction of the line as did the promotion and improvement of agriculture.

The road itself was pushed as rapidly as circumstances would permit. It was divided into twelve sections, on all of which actual work was begun in 1852. By 1855 the main line was completed and the Chicago branch was finished as far south as Mattoon. The stretch from Mattoon to Sandoval was through a particularly unhealthy region, part of which was swampy and poorly drained. Here malignant fever and cholera were prevalent and only in the cooler months could work be carried on. However, by the use of a large force in the proper season the work was rushed forward, and on September

21, 1856, the branch line was connected with the main road and the longest railroad yet projected in the United States was completed.

In the final analysis both the new settler and the railroad that brought him west got what they wanted, the one the better life and the independence he had dreamed of though he faced years of grinding labor before he wrung them from the prairie soil and the other the growing population and the prosperous countryside which alone could make the business of transportation pay. The nation benefited most of all as a new mid-American melting pot wrought its changes where once had been only barren emptiness. During the nineteenth century communication by telegraph and transportation by steam railroads knitted the country together from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The decade during which the Civil War was fought saw the admission of four new states. Kansas came in on January 29, 1861, just before the war started, and Nebraska, on March 1, 1867, was the first state admitted after it ended. The Territories of Colorado and Dakota, constituted in 1861, and of Idaho in 1863, had been carved, wholly or in part, from the Nebraska Territory of 1854, so that by 1867 Nebraska had been reduced to its present area.

West Virginia entered the Union during the most critical part of the war, two weeks before the battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg. For more than fifty years the western part of the state of Virginia had had grievances against the more powerful eastern section, chiefly on the matter of equal representation in the General Assembly and, after the Revolution, in the state legislature. When Virginia voted to secede from the Union on April 17, 1861, forty



Advertising note for company selling land to settlers in Minnesota.

counties in the western part of the state opposed the move, and on June 11 held an election which gave Virginia two governors - one with allegiance to the United States and the other a Confederate.

Determined to become a separate state, the western counties held a constitutional convention in Wheeling, which met on November 26. The constitution was adopted by a vote of 18,061 to 514, and was approved by Congress the following year - but only after it had been amended to provide for the gradual emancipation of the slaves. On June 20, 1863, by proclamation of President Lincoln, West Virginia became the thirty-fifth state.

Nevada followed in 1864, entering in a highly unorthodox way. President Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, but in order to win the constitutional amendment necessary to make the emancipation of slaves enforceable he needed another antislavery state represented in Congress. Although Nevada had less than one sixth the number of inhabitants normally required for statehood, the President and Congress admitted the territory under emergency provisions. To facilitate approval of the state constitution, Lincoln asked that it be telegraphed to Washington. On October 31, 1864, Nevada was admitted as the thirty-sixth state.

Thus, at the end of the war, there were thirty-six states in the Union - all those east of the Mississippi (Minnesota in 1858 and West Virginia in 1863 were the last of these), and Texas, Kansas, California, Oregon and Nevada. The country which remained was the dry, the mountainous, the all but inaccessible. Between 1867 and 1907 ten states were carved from the Plains and Rockies, made penetrable by railroads, cultivable by laborious irrigation projects, and attractive to settlers by the Homestead Law. By 1907, forty-six states spanned the continent; not until 1912 were there forty-eight. Much later, the two off-shore states were added to the continental ones, making the fifty we now have.

We hope that this little excursion back into the history of our country telling how the early transportation companies were financed and built has been of interest to all our readers.

We only ask, that, as we enter into the third century of the life of our great nation, you will pray with us that our country will forever be and remain in fact one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

We wish to thank Mr. S.M. Parkhill for permission to reproduce the pictures of ICRR Locomotive No. 201. Mr. Parkhill is the editor of Compressed Air Magazine, published for the Ingersoll-Rand Company, in which the pictures were shown.

# OFFICIAL NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL MEDAL AVAILABLE

Washington, D.C.—The official national Bicentennial medal commemorating the nation's 200th anniversary will be available to the public starting January 1, 1976. It will be on sale until the end of July.

The announcement was made by John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA), and Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the U.S. Mint.

The medal, featuring the Statue of Liberty on one side and the Great Seal of the United States on the other, is being minted in seven combinations of size and metals to provide everyone an opportunity to acquire a permanent commemorative of America's celebration of its 200th anniversary.

Gold versions of the medal are the first gold medals in the history of the United States to be specifically authorized by Congress for sale to the public, according to Mrs. Brooks.

Mr. Warner explained: "These medals are the major official commemoratives of our Bicentennial. They are handsome keepsakes for all citizens who want to remember our Bicentennial."

Revenues from the sales of the medals will be used to support national, state, and community Bicentennial activities.

The medal will also be available in bronze, gold-plated bronze, and sterling silver. Prices range from \$5 to \$4,000.

The three-inch gold medal is priced at \$4,000. The gold is .900 fine, comes from U.S. Treasury reserves, and will be individually numbered and only made to order.

Smaller gold medals are the 1-5/16 inch medal at \$400 and a .906 inch medal at \$100. The smallest gold medal was specifically designed to be easily incorporated into jewelry.

The other medals include a 3-inch sterling silver, selling for \$150; a 1-1/2 inch sterling silver at \$25; the 1-1/2 inch gold-plated bronze at \$15; and the 1-1/2 inch bronze at \$5.



Frank Gasparro, chief engraver at the U.S. Mint, designed the medal.

Development of the Great Seal was the first order of business undertaken by the Continental Congress after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Seal, reflecting the aspirations of our young nation, is set in a Bicentennial design which included the official national Bicentennial symbol, together with the opening words of the Constitution — "We the People."

The Statue of Liberty, surrounded by 50 stars, symbolizes the growth of the Republic over 200 years and the promise of democracy.

The two largest gold medals are displayed in a presentation case of American cherrywood with velvet lining. The small gold medal is displayed in a presentation case of American birch, also with velvet lining. Wood was selected for the presentation cases because of the historical role wood played in the early development of the American economy. The other medals are presented in leather-textured cases.

The medal is available only to those people whose letters are postmarked January 1 through July 31, 1976, and is limited to five of each medal per order. Orders should be sent to ARBA, P.O. Box 1976, San Francisco, California 94101. Send check or money order, made out to "ARBA" only.

# APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become a member within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the board of Directors:

Applicant	Sponsor
Emmett G. Yonce, Roanoke	Larry Booth
Gordon L. Hoyle, Colonial Heights	Louis Doucet
Roy Eldred Putze, Jr., Highland Springs	Richard Jones

## POODLE POWER.

According to a clipping sent in by Past President Elvin Miller, A.R. Bryan of Salem really takes his dog, 3 year old Cricket, seriously. The poodle, who has his own checking account in his name at the Mountain Trust Bank, took his family (including Mr. Bryan) out to dinner at the Oasis Restaurant in Roanoke the Sunday night before Christmas. In the picture that accompanied the article, Bryan is holding Cricket so that he can sign the check with his foot. His paw-print signature is accepted by the bank. Wonder if he has any credit cards, too?

# **BLAND COUNTY NOTES**

The following information was copied from the record books of the Bland County Board of Supervisors for the years of 1861 and 1862 by V N A Past President George Morehead. Our thanks to George for sharing this interesting material with us.

# Bland County Board of Supervisors Thursday, 15 August 1861

The court appropriated the sum of fifteen hundred and seventy-two dollars to be expended for the use of the Volunteers of the county and appoint Augusti Weisendonk Commissioner to negotiate a loan for said amount and the Clerk of this court (John W. Tracy) is directed to sign bonds for such amount as said commissioner may require for the purpose and the court guarantee the payment of said bonds in any form in which they may be issued.

The court appropriated the sum of five hundred dollars to be expended for benefit of the families of Volunteers now in the service of The Confederate States of America and appoint John C. Shannon as treasurer and (five others, not legible) commissioners to provide for the necessities of said families. And it is ordered that the clerk of this court issue bonds for said amount as said Shannon may direct and the court guarantee the payment of the same in any form in which they may be issued.



# 13 February 1862

Ordered that Harmon Newberry be appointed a Commissioner to have typed or struck small bonds to be signed by the clerk of the County Court to create a currency or fund to meet the appropriation of the court made at the August term 1861. One third of which amount shall be in bonds of the denomination of twenty-five cents one third of which sum shall become due the first of January 1863 with interest from date. One third shall become due first of January 1864, and one third shall become due the first of January 1865. And one third of the whole amount shall be issued in bonds of the denomination of fifty cents one third falling due the first of January 1863, one third the first of January 1864, one third the first of January 1865 with interest from date. The remaining third of the whole amount shall be in the denomination of one dollar falling due one third the first of January 1863, one third the first of January 1864, the remaining third the first of January 1865 with interest from date.



# 13 March 1862

Ordered that John W. Tracy, Clerk of this Court be appointed a commissioner to settle with all claimants for monies furnished toward the equipment of Volunteers in this county for the services of the Confederate States and make payment in county bonds for all accounts and properly certified including the appropriation for the benefit of families of Volunteers in the county and produce at the June Court a list of said issuing together with all the accounts so paid.

# 15 May 1862

Ordered that the issue of small notes made by the County of Bland to cover the expense of equipping Volunteer companies and providing for their families appear by the act of the General Assembly of Virginia passed March 20, 1862 to be not in strict conformity with the law. The clerk is therefore authorized to advertise for their redemption by legal issues or current funds and Thomas Shannon, John C. Shannon, Harmon Newberry and John W. Tracy are directed to receive all said notes when presented in sums of one dollar. All interest will be suspended on said notes after the first day of July 1862 if not presented before that date.

Ordered that John C. Shannon be appointed a commissioner to have small county notes printed to cover expense of the county in equipping Volunteer companies and providing for the families of indigents in the service legalized by act of General Assembly of Virginia paper March 29th 1862. Said notes not to exceed \$5000.00 in amount.

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE



I hope everyone has enjoyed the mild winter we have had so far this year. With this kind of weather, who needs to go to Florida?

National Coin Week in Virginia is progressing very well with Henry Hawkins in charge. We would like to see exhibits not only in banks, but in schools, stores, and other public places as well. Perhaps someone from your club could speak to your local Boy Scout Troop as they are always

willing to exhibit their coin collections. Henry will see to having Coin Week posters available to display with each exhibit.

Elvin Miller reports that plans are about complete on this year's convention at Arlington - and this includes a million dollar auction by Jess Peters. Auction catalogs should be ready before long. The convention date is September 17-18-19, so keep this date in mind when you plan your vacation.

If you have a Numismatic friend that does not belong to the VNA, do that friend a favor and sign him or her up. Remember the finest people in the world belong to the VNA.

George Miller President, V.N.A.

# LOUIS ELIASBERG DIES

Funeral services for one of the most noted coin collectors in the U.S. were held for Louis Eliasberg at his Baltimore home on February 22nd. Mr. Eliasberg died at the age of 80 after a short illness on the 20th.

The noted collector assembled the only complete date and mint collection of U.S. coins, minted since the establishment of the Mint in 1792. The collection will be displayed as a special bicentennial exhibit at the Philadelphia Mint this spring. Known as a very quiet man, Eliasberg told of his progress in assembling his collection in an address before the Maryland State Numismatic Association educational forum at the Evergreen House of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore last November.

### ROBERT S. RAMSEY

We regret to inform our readers of the death of VNA member Robert S. Ramsey, of Petersburg, Virginia.

# news of our clubs

# SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The Southside Numismatic Association held its Spring Coin and Stamp Show on Sunday, February 29, at the new Ramada Inn in Petersburg. The show was well attended and the fourteen dealers did a brisk business.

All six colorful competitive exhibits entered by club members attracted considerable attention. The judges awarded the following prizes: First Place, Norman Strock; Second Place, Alex Maloof; Third Place, Louis Doucet, and Fourth Place, Lawrence Chavis. In the junior category, Jacob Hranowskyz won First Prize and Robert Marcinkowski was awarded the Consolation Prize.

The Club begins its new year on March 3 when the following officers will be installed; Gerald Perry, President; Tom Celantano, Vice-President; Norman Strock, Secretary; J.C. Kollman, Treasurer; Homer Catron, Registered Agent; Gerald Perry, Program Chairman; and Norman Strock Auctioneer, with Louis Doucet, Alternate.

# TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Featured programs for the meetings will be: "The symbology of coins as expressed by the artist", by Charles N. Caravello, and "Medals of the United States Mint", by Melvin Duley. Nominations will be made for the election of the Board of Directors for the coming year. The annual banquet will be held on Friday, March 26th., and Coin-A-Rama 1976 will be at the Mariners Inn at Virginia Beach on March 27 and 28. Both exhibit and bourse spaces are available for the annual show. Club meetings are now being held at the Library of the Virginia Wesleyan College. Guests are invited to attend.

## FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

Plans are being made for the spring coin show to be held at the Fredericksburg Community Center at Charles and Canal Streets, on April 10 and 11. Both bourse and exhibit spaces are available from the chairman, Wallace Mann, 3204 Linden Avenue, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401.

# SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

New officers installed for this year are: Russel G. Shiflett, President; A. Brooks Booker, Vice President; Debra L. Shiflett, Secretary, and Joe Holloway, Treasurer. In the January meeting plans were made for the Annual Coin Show to be held May 1 and 2 at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn at Staunton. A program on coin insurance was presented at the February meeting by Tom Gilmore and for March a program of slides on coin grading is scheduled by Gary Fisher. A bus trip to the Smithsonian on April 25th has been set up for those interested.

# SHENANDOAH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Plans are being made for the Annual Coin Show to be held at the Holiday Inn on Route 50, East of Winchester on May 15 and 16. Interested persons should write to: W.P. Massey, Jr., Capon River Road, Yellow Spring, West Virginia 26885. Visitors are made welcome at the monthly meetings.

# ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Plans are being made at the monthly meetings for the 1976 Roanoke Valley Bicentennial Coin and Antique Show, to be held at the Roanoke Civic Center on July 30, 31 and August 1. Admission will be \$1.00. Interested persons write to: C.R. Coleman, Chairman, P.O. Box 1223, Roanoke, Virginia 24008.

# ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

Activities planned by the Club are participation in National Coin Week in April and the Annual Coin Show at the Belle Meade Inn, Harrisonburg, on the 11th and 12th of September.

# WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

At the Washington Club, January featured "Other Hobbies" and February was Ladies Night, with talks by Miss Eva Adams and Mrs. Elvira Clain-Stefanelli. Be sure to stop in at the meetings when you go to the big city on the Potomac.

# SALEM COIN CLUB

Meetings at the Salem Civic Center are being devoted to regular club business and plans for the Spring Coin Show.

# ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Winter programs presented featured Israel coins and medals at the Norfold Jewish Community Center.

### RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Featured at the March meeting will be an auction by Nick Stolfi. The State Capitol Club has made big strides in the last year or two in adding new members and junior members. New leaders have made plans for diverse programs and larger meeting quarters have been provided. Club Officers installed for the new year are: William E. Lambert, President; Dr. Charles D. Burch, Vice President; Bryan E. Turner, Treasurer and Mrs. Ann M. Bromley, Secretary. Visitors are welcome.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Featured in January was a donated auction, with results that were better than expected. At the annual meeting in February on the 16th. (was that Abraham Washington's or George Lincoln's birthday?) the new officers were installed, plaques were awarded for the outstanding exhibits, and a good time was had by all. Plans are being made for participation in National Coin Week in April.

## Calendar of Coin Shows

Club	Location	Date
Tidewater Coin Club	Mariner Motor Inn Virginia Beach	March 27 - 28
Fredericksburg Coin Club	Fredericksburg Com. Ctr. Charles & Canal Streets	April 10 - 11
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Red Carpet Inn Staunton	May 1 - 2
Shenandoah Numismatic Society	Holiday Inn, East Winchester, Route 50	May 15 - 16
Maryland State Numismatic Association	Pikesville Hilton Inn Baltimore Beltway	June 25 - 27
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center	July 30 - Aug 1
Rockingham Coin Club	Belle Meade Inn Harrisonburg	Sept 11 - 12
Virginia Numismatic Association	Mariott Twin Bridges Motel Alexandria	Sept 17 - 19
Mid Atlantic Numismatic Association	King of Prussia near Philadelphia	Oct 22 - 24

#### DONATION TO V N A

We wish to thank V N A member W.P. Massey, Jr., for his donation to V N A, which was applied to the Book Publication Fund.

#### A NOTICE TO NOTICE

The newsletter of a United Methodist Church on Long Island, New York, has a familiar problem: it doesn't always get read by the recipient, and a good many of its notices of coming church events are apparently overlooked.

To remedy the situation, a recent newsletter included the following "Notice about notices":

"You may have noticed the increased amount of notices for you to notice" (the newsletter tells its readers); . . . "some of our notices have not been noticed. This is very noticeable! It has been noticed that the responses to the notices have been noticeably unnoticed. This notice is to remind you to notice the notices and respond to the notices because we do not want the notices to go unnoticed."

The Newsletter reminder is signed by the "Notice Committee for Noticing Notices."

If this sounds familiar - some around you have not been noticing all of the notices you have been sending out!

#### COIN WORLD TO EXPAND

Amos Press, Inc., has announced that two of its monthly publications will be discontinued as such and will be absorbed into and be a part of the weekly publication Coin World.

Numismatic Scrapbook and World Coins will end with their February and March issues, and the features and stories formerly included in them will be a part of the weekly Coin World.

Subscribers to the monthlies will have the remaining part of their prepaid issues added to their Coin World subscription, on a prorated basis.

# BLUE RIDGE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION MUSEUM ASKS FOR VIRGINIA OBSOLETE NOTES

Museum Director Paul Garland has asked us to present his appeal to our members for obsolete notes from Virginia, needed to change the displays of Southern currency in the museum cases. These need not be rare notes, any common note will do as long as they are clean and colorful. Very few obsolete notes have been given to the museum as gifts, and they would like to be able to change those on display to show different notes (or bonds or share certificates).

Any gifts sent to VNA Secretary Richard Jones will be forwarded to the BRNA Museum and will be acknowledged.

#### MUSEUM AND COLLECTORS

We are reprinting here a short item from Coin World about a museum buying numismatic items, and the thoughts of an anonymous collector concerning the matter. What do our readers think about this?

# NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM PURCHASES COLLECTION OF GOLD COINS, NOTES

The largest amount ever spent by the state of North Carolina for museum purposes was expended recently to secure specimens of the state's numismatic heritage for the North Carolina Museum of Natural History in Raleigh.

A sum of \$270,000 was paid to Dr. Walter L. Crouch, Wilmington, N.C., for the purchase of 151 gold coins minted in the state, and 384 North Carolina bank notes.

In addition to the cost of the collection, another \$30,000 will be spent for security cases in which the rare numismatic items may be safely housed.

Museum administrator John D. Ellington said many of the gold coins had been struck by Augustus and Christopher Bechtler at the private Mint they operated in Rutherford County, N.C., coining gold taken from the nearby Reed mine near Concord, N.C.

Prior to purchase, Ellington said, the collection had been appraised by two out-of-state firms selected by Dr. Crouch.

James Piner, assistant state budget officer, said that \$150,000 required to purchase the historic collection were "unexpended appropriations" from cultural resources, and the balance was derived from a contingency fund approval by the Council of State.

#### A NUMISMATIST'S THOUGHTS ABOUT MUSEUMS

As a Numismatist, the idea of a collection being given to the average museum leaves me cold. Usually the collection is filed away in some dusty basement and promptly forgotten. This material, even if it is duplicated in the same museum, will most likely never be returned to the Numismatic community.

My suggestion would be that all museums be required to dispose of all duplicates that they receive or have on hand. This would give the active collector the opportunity of adding to his or her collection and also this action would give the museum the needed cash to purchase items not presently included in their inventory.

My next suggestion is that each state have one museum to secure specimens of the state's Numismatic heritage and place them on display. I am sure the Numismatic community, the State Bankers Association and (if south of the Mason Dixon Line) The Daughters of the Confederacy plus other organizations that are interested in preserving something of our heritage would be glad to add their support to a project of this type.

#### HENRY E. HAWKINS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF 1976 NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA



V N A President George Miller has appointed Henry Hawkins of Harrisonburg as Chairman of the 1976 National Coin Week in Virginia, and Henry advises us as follows:

"I was born in Harrisonburg and raised in Rockingham County on a farm. My collecting started at age five when my first Leghorn pullets began laying. With my first "egg money" I went to Rockingham National Bank and bought silver dollars for face

value - I've been buying coins ever since. My collecting specialty now is U.S. proof coins. I am presently an Assistant Vice President of the Rockingham National Bank in Harrisonburg, and am this year serving as the president of the Rockingham Coin Club. My wife, Loretta, also shares my collecting interest."

It is expected that a proelamation will be issued soon by the Governor's office for National Coin Week in Virginia, April 18 - 24. An article is planned for the March issue of the Virginia Bankers Association Magazine, which will request all bankers in Virginia to encourage numismatic displays in their banks during Coin Week. The article will feature a picture of George Miller, Henry Hawkins, and Francis Bell, Jr., President of Rockingham National Bank, examining a 1795 Bust Dollar and a 1776-1976 Dollar, which will be exhibited at the bank during Coin Week. Posters will be sent to all V N A member clubs. Requests for posters or information about Coin Week in Virginia should be sent to: Henry E. Hawkins, Assistant Vice President, Rockingham National Bank, RNB Center, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801.

Clubs and members are urged to exhibit in banks, libraries, stores with secure areas, etc., talk to local clubs and school and church groups and to local newspapers and radio and television stations about 1976 National Coin Week in Virginia. Please let Henry and The Virginia Numismatist know about your activities. Take this opportunity to let other people know how interesting our hobby can be!

#### **1976 V N A DUES**

Please remember that the dues for 1976 are now payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Richard Jones, P.O. Box 1981, Roanoke, Virginia 24009. With the increase in the cost of postage, it will help if you all will send it in to him. Thanks for your cooperation.

#### COMMANDER ALEXANDER BROWN AND THE CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



L. to R Dr. James C. Windsor, Dr. Floyd Thompson, Alexander C. Brown, Dr. Wernher Von Braun.

One of only five persons to be awarded the Christopher Newport College Distinguished Service Award (to date) is Commander Alexander Crosby Brown, who has been a contributor to The Virginia Numismatist. Cdr. Brown is shown in the picture taken at the award ceremonies in 1974 being congratulated by CNC President Dr. James C. Windsor.

The Distinguished Service Award, struck by College-Industrial Bronze, Inc., of Braintree, Mass., composed of a bronze replica of the College Seal suspended from a blue and white ribbon, was established to honor persons who have made an outstanding contribution to the development of the college. Cdr. Brown has contributed a library of some thousand books on the sea and ships to the John Smith Library at Christopher Newport College. The Library has given this the name of the Alexander C. Brown Nautical Collection.

Alexander Crosby Brown was born in Rosemont, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Yale University and received a Master's degree in American History from the College of William and Mary. He is a retired Commander of the United States Naval Reserve and was on active duty during World War II. After the war, Cdr. Brown joined the staff of the Daily Press in Newport News, and retired in 1973 as Literary Editor.

Cdr. Brown has authored a large number of books, articles and reviews on a variety of topics. His book "The Dismal Swamp Canal" received a Commendation from the American Association of State and Local History; the latest one is entitled "Longboat To Hawaii".

From the dust jacket of . . . . Longboat To Hawaii . . . Edited by A.C. Brown . . An account of the ill-fated voyage of the American Clipper Ship Hornet from New York bound for San Francisco in 1866, and the destruction of the vessel by fire and the subsequent voyage of the Hornet's longboat to the island of Hawaii - 4,000 miles in 43 days on 10-days' provisions.

. Compiled from the journals of Capt. Josiah A. Mitchell, master of the Hornet, and his two passengers, brothers Samuel and Henry Ferguson of Stamford, Connecticut. These have never before been published in their entirety.

. Together with observations by Mark Twain, who interviewed the survivors in Honolulu, his newspaper "scoop" in the Sacramento Daily Union, and his 33-year retrospective article entitled tellingly, "My Debut As A Literary Person." Any person interested in the sea and ships will think this a classic tale of the sea.

But for the true aficianado of unintentional bon mots, a short article entitled "Don't Believe Everything You Read", condensed from a paper presented before the Hampton Roads Torch Club by Cdr. Brown, will give many a hearty chortle and the hope that the ones you make will just up and go away.

During World War II, Cdr. Brown was associated with the famous historian, Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morrison, USNR (Retired), in the preparation of his authoritative series "History Of United States Naval Operations In World War II."

He has been an Associate Editor of The American Neptune, advisor on publications to The Mariners Museum and Chairman of the Newport News Historical Committee, among other things. He and his wife, the former Miss Shirley Baysden, live in Newport News. They have four children. He may have retired from the newspaper, but as you can see, he still keeps busy.

#### APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors:

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Thomas E. Nicholson, Harrisonburg	George Miller
Garnett N. Campbell, Jr., Richmond	Louis Doucet

Applicant

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

by James A. Johnson, Jr.

These questions and answers, by V N A member James A. Johnson, Jr., were from two guest columns he wrote for the Richmond Times Dispatch, while regular columnist Jim Packard was on vacation. We thought that they would be of much interest to our readers too. They will be broken up into short segments and included in this and future issues.

Due to the increasing interest in the Bicentennial celebration, some queries have come to this column that deal with the monetary habits of our forefathers. It is possible that these answers, which involve opinion as well as fact, may be of interest to readers.

Q. What coins circulated in Virginia from Jamestown until the first issue of coins by the United States?

A. Very few, Virginia was an agricultural colony which shipped its produce to Mother England and received finished goods in return. These were bought on bills of credit by the London agents of the planters and paid for from the amounts realized from tobacco and other goods sent the agents for sale. Until 1759 tobacco was Virginia's universal currency and taxes were collected and bills paid in pounds of tobacco. There were some transactions between Virginia planters that were settled by bills of receipt for tobacco stored in official cononial warehouses. Almost no coin was shipped to the colonies from England due to a shortage there and the perils of the uncertain sea voyages.

Ships coming to Virginia often stopped by West Indies ports on their travels and were there exposed to the coinage of the Spanish colonial mints; Mexico City began its coinage in 1535. These coins were brought to Virginia and were probably the most numerous in circulation. The silver coins ranged from the Spanish milled dollar of 8 reals down to the half real.

Due to the ever present shortage of coins, however, almost anything offered was accepted and deals were made based on the weight and fineness of gold and silver coins as well as their face value. It was a common practice to have the blacksmith cut the larger coins into wedge-shaped fractions in order to make change. Mordecai, in speaking of this practice in his "Richmond In Bygone Days" wryly remarked that it was remarkable that when a larger coin was cut the fractions given could never be assembled into the whole, while the blacksmiths prospered. Such cutting was forbidden by law around 1815.

Early coins found in excavations around early Virginia settlements that I have seen included coins from France, the Netherlands and a few from England, but the majority were from the Spanish colonial mints.

Q. Did these coins circulate and were they legal tender after Yorktown (1781)?

A. Yes, they did and in fact they were legal tender in the United States until 1857. Their value was translated into U.S. coinage as one-half real equalling  $6\frac{1}{4}$  cents; one real,  $12\frac{1}{2}$  cents, etc. This accounts for the odd postal charges on some old stampless covers (usually folded letter sheets) where it is common to find values of  $12\frac{1}{2}$ c, and 183/4 cents ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  real), written on the address side.

Virginia began to issue paper money in 1759 and until 1776 the values used were in the pound-shilling-pence standard of Britain. In 1776, and later, values were in Spanish milled dollars, but these were equated with pounds. Thus you may see on the same note both "one hundred dollars" and "thirty pounds" as the value.

Storekeepers in Virginia as late as the 1850s priced goods in shillings and pence (cloth--ls 6d per yd.) and in multiples of the Spanish real (horse feed--12½c per day).

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# C Tale Of Two Ships

#### THE MONITOR .... THE VIRGINIA

by Don Roberts

About ten years ago, we were taking out-of-town guests to see some of the points of interest on the Peninsula, and one of our stops in Fort Monroe was the Jefferson Davis Casemate Museum. While going through the rooms, we saw a small plastic case hung on one wall that contained two medals. On closer inspection, it showed two faces of a bronze medal two inches in diameter. One face showed the Union Monitor and the Confederate Armored Ram Virginia, the other said that it was in commemoration of the combat between the Union Monitor and the Confederate Merrimac (without a k), in Hampton Roads, Virginia, and was issued by the Green Point Savings Bank. Since we live just a few blocks from Hampton Roads, and see it every day on the way to our office, and are interested in Civil War history and medals, we were curious as to why what appeared to be a New York bank would issue a medal for a naval battle in Virginia, and, when they did, did not use the proper name of the Confederate ship, or if they did use its name when it was in the Union Navy, before it was burned, renamed and rebuilt, why they couldn't spell it right. The guide at the museum only knew that it had been given to the museum, but had no information on where or by whom the medal had been struck.

As often happens, when we did not find any data on it within a few weeks, other projects took over, but we did keep looking. Then, some time later, when the Virginia Numismatic Association held its annual meeting at Natural Bridge, when we asked one of the dealers we knew if he had anything that we might be interested in, he showed us two medals. One was a roughly cast medal made from metal salvaged from the grounds of Fort Sumpter, and then lo and behold - the other was the same one we had seen at Fort Monroe. And all he knew was that he had bought them in a lot of materials at one time, didn't even remember where. When we came home, they were put away with some other items from the show, and there they

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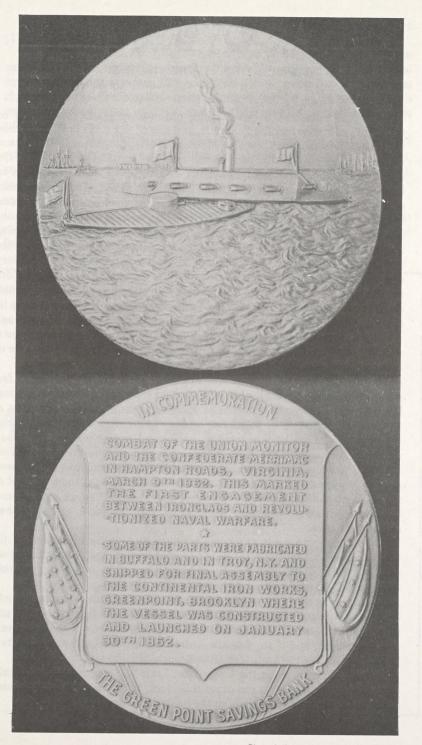
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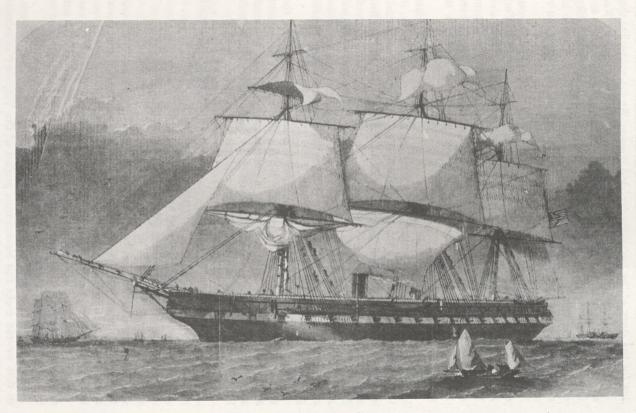
the story of the medal.

First, hoping that there might still be some one with the bank that would be able to tell us about the medal, we visited our local friendly banker and asked him if he would look in his bank directory and see if the bank were still in business, and if so, find the address for us. The bank was still listed, but two letters asking for information brought no reply.

Then we started going the long route: Libraries, magazines, periodicals, Civil War buffs, museums and other collectors. This finally brought us some

data as to how, why and by whom the medal was issued.





THE UNITED STATES STEAM FRIGATE "MERRIMAK" (Photo Courtesy of The Mariners Museum)

While we were looking for information on the medal, we were also looking for the story of the two ships depicted thereon. We did not realize then that this would end up in going back almost to the Revolutionary War; events in various nations in Europe; the development of naval vessels and ordnance; financing the War; manufacturing and transportation; and finally, an underwater search that lasted over one hundred years. It was a wee bit more than we bargained for when we started, but it was interesting and we met a lot of nice people.

For information obtained we are indebted to many kind people. Among them are: The Charles Taylor Memorial Library in Hampton; The New York Public Library in New York City; The Mariners Museum in Newport News; Mrs. Margo Russell of Coin World; Mr. Windsor Peyton Booth of The National Geographic Society; Dr. Chester D. Bradley of Hampton, and many others. As always, for any errors of ommission or commission we alone are responsible.

According to the information we were given, The New York State Civil War Centennial Commission asked the Green Point Savings Bank, in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York, to assist them during the centennial. It appeared that the same man was one of the founders of the Bank, and also operated the Continental Iron Works at Greenpoint, where the first Union Monitor (and also later ones) was built. This gentlemen was Mr. Thomas Fitch Rowland, who signed the contract for the construction of the hull and installation of the machinery with John Ericsson and his partners in the building of the first Monitor.

About 30,000 of these two inch bronze medals were struck by the Bastion Brothers Company in Rochester, N. Y. in 1961 for the Greenpoint Savings Bank. During 1961 and 1962, in cooperation with the Centennial the Bank gave to school children, customers of the Bank, visitors at the Bank, local and other interested organizations the supply of medals.

TO BE CONTINUED

#### SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL ISSUE OF THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST PROPOSED FOR JULY 4th, 1976

A number of letters have been sent out to clubs, officers, members and former contributors to The Virginia Numismatist, announcing the special bicentennial issue proposed for this coming July 4th., and asking for your help - with articles, pictures, stories, any type of material that we can use.

We will edit, rewrite or photograph your materials that we can use and that would be appropriate for the history of Virginia or our nation from its beginning to its 200th. birthday.

Please send or give your material to either Frank Hannah or Don Roberts, so that we can make this bicentennial project of the Virginia Numismatic Association a real keep-sake for any numismatist, especially one from the great Commonwealth of Virginia.

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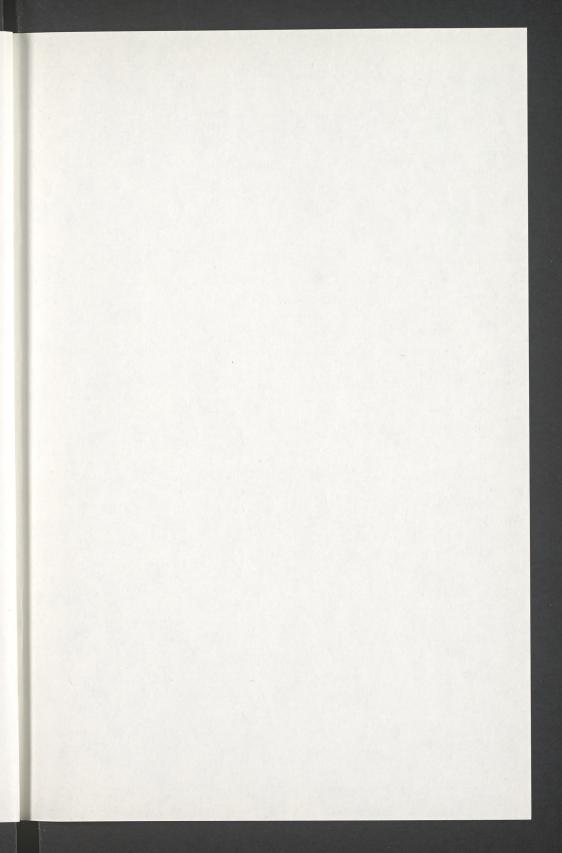
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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Spring has been bursting out all over, and so has the 1976 Bicentennial National Coin Week in Virginia. I want to offer my thanks and compliments to Chairman Henry Hawkins and all of the people in our coin clubs throughout the State of Virginia who showed their displays, gave talks and obtained publicity for our wonderful hobby.

How about that new two dollar bill? Isn't that a beauty? This should

make a lot more people aware of the fun of numismatics.

Elvin Miller has reported that plans are well along for the convention at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel at Arlington this September 17, 18 and 19. Be sure to have your vacation set for then and have your reservations made well ahead of time. There will be a lot of people going to the Washington area this year, to see the city and all of the special exhibits that will be available.

And be sure to remember the special extra issue of the Virginia Numismatist that will be published on July 4, 1976. This is certain to become one of the keepsakes of the bicentennial. Help it with your articles and your advertisements, so we can all say we had a hand in it.

Do your good turn for the day - sign up a friend as a new member of VNA. The finest people in the world belong to the VNA.

George Miller President, V.N.A.

#### CALL FOR NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association provide that an Election Committee shall present a slate of officers for each expiring elected office not later than July 15th of each year. During the period June 15 through July 15 additional nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees are to be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The following offices are open for nomination: Secretary-Treasurer and four (4) members of the Board of Directors. All offices are for a period of two (2) years.

Be sure to send all nominations so that they will be received by the Secretary-Treasurer between June 15 and July 15.

# news of our clubs

#### SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The Southside Virginia Numismatic Association held its first meeting of the club year in March at Fort Lee. The Association honored its only presently active charter member, Lawrence K. Chavis, with a lifetime membership of number 10. Mr. Chavis has held a number of positions in the club, and is a past president.

The President appointed a committee to receive and organize material for the special Bicentennial Issue of The Virginia Numismatist. Appointed to the committee were: Mrs. Norman Strock, Mr. Gary Bradshaw and Mr. Lawrence Chavis.

The program for the evening consisted of an interesting and informative presentation by the President and Program Chairman, Sgt. Gerald Perry, on the 5 mark coins of the German Commemorative Crowns.

Concluding the evening was a spirited auction consisting of several dozen interesting lots.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Both the annual banquet and the Annual Coin-A-Rama at the Mariners Inn at Virginia Beach were very successful. Dr. George E. Hunter, the Chief Assayer of the U.S. Mint gave an outstanding talk and slide presentation at the dinner meeting, and exhibitors, visitors, buyers and sellers were enjoying themselves at the Bourse tables.

New officers and directors elected were: Pres - James M. Boyle; Vice Pres - Russell L. Ambrose; Sec - James E. Morris; Treas - Ted T. Maroulis; Directors - John W. Balchunis, Milton Becker, Charles N. Caravello, Larry Miller and Morton Ronick.

Interesting programs were presented at the March and April meetings at the Library of The Virginia Wesleyan College, where guests are welcome.

#### FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

The fourth annual Coin Show of the Fredericksburg Coin Club was held at the Fredericksburg Community Center. Eleven dealers, occupying 20 bourse tables, offered a wide variety of coins and currency. There were approximately 800 visitors to the show with the largest attendance on Sunday afternoon.

The senior judges award was presented to Ralph A. Hicks, Jr., for his display of Confederate and obsolete notes. The Junior award was for a display on the history of the Silver Dollar prepared by Kevin Truslow. Participation awards were given to other members for their displays.

#### SHENANDOAH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Members are preparing for National Coin Week activities and for the coin show to be held at the Holiday Inn, east of Winchester on Route 50.

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Both preparing for the coin show to be held at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn at Staunton and for national coin week kept the members busy and interested.

#### ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

As with the other clubs, members are busy with plans for national coin week and in preparation for the show to be held at the Roanoke Civic Center the last week end in July.

#### ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

Members are busy with planning for national coin week and the Annual Show at the Belle Meade Inn, Harrisonburg, early in September.

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Recent programs enjoyed by the members were "Counterfeits: What We Are Seeing Today", by Chuck Hoskins, Director, ANACS and "The Coins of Great Britain", by former WNS President Herb Price.

Members were interested in national coin week and in the summer coin show to be put on by all the Washington area clubs in July.

#### METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The 11th annual Convention and Show of the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association will be held at the Sheraton Motor Inn, 8500 Annapolis Road, New Carrolton, Maryland. Use Exit 30W off Capital Beltway I-495 on Route 450. Write to Mr. Ken Campbell, c/o MWNA, P.O. Box 2535, Landover Hills, MD 20784 for information on exhibit space and bourse tables.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

Meetings at the Salem Civic Center will feature preparations for national coin week and the Spring Coin Show, as well as regular club business.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Many members of the Club attended the banquet and annual show of the Tidewater Coin Club at Virginia Beach.

Recent meetings featured a surprise exhibit and talk by Mrs. Nat Rafel and a program on "Similarities Between Israel Stamps and Israel Money, and Medals".

Orders are now being taken for the new 28th Anniversary coins by the club members.

#### VIRGINIA TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY

The business meeting of VA-TAMS was held at the Mariner Motor Inn at Virginia Beach, in connection with the Tidewater Coin Club Coin-A-Rama, followed by a buy, sell, trading and swap session.

#### RICHMOND COIN CLUB

A variety of programs are scheduled for the Richmond Coin Club for the rest of the spring and summer. Preparations for national coin week were also on the agenda at the meeting in Richmond.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

"Other Hobbies Night" brought out an excellent participation by the members in March, and a film from the Franklin Mint in April was enjoyed by those attending. Plans for national coin week were mentioned: displays will be shown at local libraries and banks; and a number of coin books will be donated to the public libraries, junior and senior high schools, community colleges, colleges and universities, and libraries at military bases in the surrounding area.

#### MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

We hope that as many as possible of our members will be able to accept the gracious invitation extended by The Maryland State Numismatic Association to attend their annual Convention and Show at the Hilton Inn, in Pikesville, on the Baltimore Beltway, June 25 to 27. We always enjoy our trips to our neighboring State of Maryland.

#### 1976 V N A DUES

Please remember that the dues for 1976 are now payable to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Richard Jones, P.O. Box 1981, Roanoke, Virginia 24009. With the increase in the cost of postage, it will help if you all will send it to him. Thanks for your cooperation.

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## Calendar of Coin Shows

Club	Location	Date
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Red Carpet Inn Staunton	May 1 - 2
Shenandoah Numismatic Society	Holiday Inn, East Winchester, Route 50	May 15 - 16
Northern Virginia Coin Club	Community Center Vienna	May 15 - 16
Salem Coin Club	Tanglewood Mall	June 18 - 20
Maryland State Numismatic Association	Pikesville Hilton Inn Baltimore Beltway	June 25 - 27
Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association	Sheraton Motor Inn, Exit 30W New Carrolton, Md.	July 9 - 11
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center	July 30-Aug 1
Rockingham Coin Club	Belle Meade Inn Harrisonburg	Sept 11 - 12
Virginia Numismatic Association	Marriott Twin Bridges Motel, Alexandria	Sept 17 - 19
Mid Atlantic Numismatic Association	King of Prussia near Philadelphia	Oct 22 - 24

#### JOHN A. COPELAND PASSES

Numismatics in general and Virginia Numismatics in particular suffered a loss on March 16, in the passing of John A. Copeland.

John was a loyal member of The Virginia Numismatic Association and The Southside Virginia Numismatic Association of Petersburg, having served with distinction as Secretary-Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the latter organization. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family.

#### 1976 NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA

National Coin Week in Virginia for 1976 Chairman Henry Hawkins has been able to send us some partial reports of Coin Week activity, but we are sure that much more will be reported in the future.

Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. was gracious to aid us by his official declaration of National Coin Week in Virginia during the period April 18 to 24, 1976.

Henry sent all member clubs posters for display with exhibits, and sent press releases to the local papers of the clubs for coin week. He asked the Virginia Bankers Association to include an article in their magazine going to all members banks suggesting that they show coin displays by collectors in their banks during coin week. We understand from him that the clubs in his area of the state had a number of interesting displays, gave talks on collecting during coin week and were able to have a number of articles in their newspapers.

The Virginia Peninsula Coin Club reports that they had displays in local banks and libraries, furnished information for articles on coin week and the new two dollar bills in the newspapers and gave books on paper money to the Libraries in Hampton and Newport News, as well as red books to the local junior and senior high schools, community colleges, colleges, universities and military base libraries (about 70 in all). They hope that this will encourage new collectors in the area.

Please let Henry and The Virginia Numismatist have the information on your club and its coin week activities.

# NOW AVAILABLE VIRGINIA AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR MAP

A Virginia Revolutionary war map has been published by the VIBC in cooperation with the Virginia Highway Department to commemorate the Bicentennial.

The three-color map traces the Revolutionary routes of Generals Washington and Rochambeau in Virginia during 1780-81, and lists a chronology of Virginia-related Revolutionary events. These begin with Andrew Lewis's defeat of the Shawnee Indians in 1774 to the defeat of Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781.

Arsenals, barracks, shipyards and Indian forts used by the Virginia militia during the war are shown. Detailed inserts highlight areas and events of particular importance.

The educational map may be purchased from the Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission, Drawer JF, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185 for 50 cents plus 24 cents postage.

#### COIN WEEK ON THE PENINSULA

Mrs. Carolyn Gearhart, President of the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club, has marked Coin Week by presenting club donations of reference works on "World Paper Money" to public libraries in Hampton and Newport News.

The reference work was accepted on behalf of the main libraries by Howard Ogden, director of Hampton's Charles Taylor Library, and by Miss Lottie Driver, acting director of the Newport News library system.

In addition, the club has sponsored gifts of some 70 of the current "red books" to the libraries and schools of the Peninsula area, from junior high to colleges and universities.

Club members have also joined bankers and librarians in helping sponsor special displays of materials relating to numismatics — coins, bank notes, certificates, medals and books — for display in lobby areas during the week.

The local club and The Virginia Numismatic Association have also joined to sponsor rotating displays at the Syms-Eaton Museum of the City of Hampton during the bicentennial period.



Mrs. Gearhart presents reference book to Taylor Library director Howard Ogden.

#### APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors:

**Applicant** 

Albert N. Gore, Jr., Elizabeth City, N.C. Alex M. Maloof, Petersburg Robert H. Walls, Lewisburg, West Virginia Sponsor

George Miller Louis E. Doucet Richard Jones

# LET'S HAVE BICENTENNIAL NUMISMATIC DISPLAYS IN OUR MUSEUMS

Members of The Virginia Numismatic Association and The Virginia Peninsula Coin Club are joining together to present bicentennial displays of coins, medals and currency in the Syms-Eaton Museum of the City of Hampton. The displays will be shown in cases in the center of the museum, and will be changed every month or so, to give space for a variety of materials to be shown to the museum visitors.

Museum Director John Mitchell welcomed the suggestion when it was made by local club members, because it will give-him additional displays at no cost to the City.

How about asking the people in charge of museums in your areas about having displays? Most of the ones we talked to about this were interested in having access to additional materials to attract visitors, at no trouble to themselves.

You will have to clear the materials and the types of displays with the people in charge, to be sure that they are compatible with the rest of the museum, and will have to keep security in mind. It does not have to be very expensive or rare material to make an effective and interesting display, but it will take a lot of thought and ingenuity, just as it does for any display for your coin club or show. Clear and informative labels will help, too.

Of course all museums will not be willing to try this at first, but we hope the VNA and local club members all over the state will take this opportunity to show another group of people why we find numismatics so interesting, and to make their visit to our state and locality a little more fun. Let us know how you make out with this.

#### BICENTENNIAL MEDALLION FOR WILLIAMSBURG-JAMES CITY COUNTY

Edmund Pendleton of Caroline County, who drafted Virginia's resolution for independence, is pictured on a medallion adopted by the Williamsburg-James City County Bicentennial Committee.

The medallion, which will be offered for sale in both sterling silver and bronze, is based on a design by Carl A. Roseberg, professor of fine arts at the College of William and Mary, is being struck by the Franklin Mint.

The resolution Pendleton introduced was adopted in Williamsburg May 15, 1776 by the Virginia convention and led directly to the adoption in Philadelphia of the Declaration of Independence.

The reverse side depicts four historic buildings in Williamsburg and James City County. They are the Wren Building at the College of William and Mary, Old Tower Church on Jamestown Island, the courthouse of 1770 and the





Old First Baptist Church of Williamsburg founded in 1776 and considered the South's first black congregation.

A sterling silver proof presentation medal will be available at \$40 plus sales tax only to those who place orders by May 15, through Box 213, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

A bronze proof medal will be available throughout the year at \$6.50 plus sales tax.

#### VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION

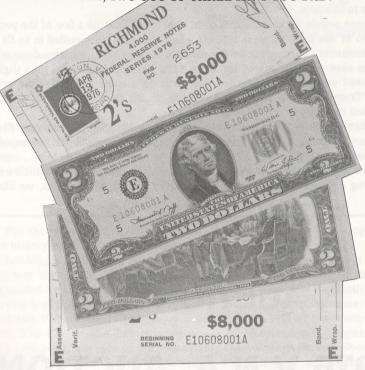
With all the visitors to the Washington area during this bicentennial year, be sure to plan for your trip to our annual convention well in advance — get your vacation time set up for the third week end in September and have a confirmed reservation at the Marriott Twin Bridges Motel in Alexandria for September 17 to 19.

Convention Chairman Elvin Miller tells us that plans are coming along nicely for the meeting: auction material is being collected, bourse tables are selling well, exhibitors are asking for space, interesting tours are being arranged and a top-notch speaker will be on-tap for the dinner meeting on Saturday night.

The City of Washington and the surrounding area will have all sorts of places to see while you are at the show, and for the ladies and the young folks, too. Just across the river are the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Smithsonian Institution, a few blocks further on are many other museums, art galleries and libraries, to name just a few.

Some of our member clubs and advertisers have already sent in requests for advertising space for the convention program. Please send in your ads and checks payable to VNA 1976 Convention to P.O. Box 353, Hampton Virginia 23669.

WHAT'S THAT? PHE DEUCE YOU SAY OH WELL, TWO OUT OF THREE ISN'T TOO BAD!



Along with paper money collectors from many other states, VNA currency collectors for some years were advocating the issue of a new two dollar bill for the bicentennial, hopefully as a series 1976, United States note, with the back showing a depiction of Trumbull's painting of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, such as had been used on the back of a large \$100 bill of the earlier National Bank Note series.

When the new deuces were released by banks on April 13th (the birthday of Thomas Jefferson, whose portrait is shown on the face), it was a Federal Reserve Note, from each of the twelve Federal Reserve districts, but it was a Series 1976, and it did have a depiction of Trumbull's painting on the back. So, as we said, two out of three isn't too bad, especially when you are dealing with the federal government!

Collectors and non-collectors alike were at the banks in great numbers on April 13th, especially since the post office department had arranged to put date cancellations on each note if you affixed a 13 cent stamp to it. Many varieties of stamps and cancellations have shown up here in Virginia, as in all of the other states. Shown here is a picture of the two labels from a brick opened by a Hampton Bank, along with the first and last note in the brick, and the wood end pieces, with a Virginia statehood stamp and the April 13 date mark on the end label. Currency is sent out from the Bureau

of Engraving and Printing to the Federal Reserve System in bricks of 4,000 notes, the local commercial banks order the notes they want from the Federal Reserve Bank in their district. So far, we have not seen any low number notes in this area.

Some people in several states seem to be upset because a few of the people shown in the drawing were left off when the ends were pulled in to fit the requirements of the engraver for security reasons. This was also done when it was used on the back of the large \$100 National Bank note (in a slightly different manner), the painting itself was done some time after the event, and Trumbull took considerable liberties with the actual event when he painted it.

There has been some speculation that a revised version of the back design might be issued, but since some 400 million of this style will be issued, it should not be any rarity.

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#### HAMPTON ROADS

For those not familiar with the area, a brief description of the geography and history of the Hampton Roads area may be of help.

Looking at a map, we see that the entrance to Chesapeake Bay is about half-way up the east coast of the United States. The opening to the Bay is guarded by Cape Charles on the north and Cape Henry on the south. Cape Charles is at the south end of the Delmarva Peninsula (from Delaware, Maryland and Virginia) and Cape Henry is on the north end of the lower mainland. The Chesapeake Bay cuts the states of Maryland and Virginia each into two parts, the side to the ocean being known as the Eastern Shore; the Bay and its tributaries provide access by water to these and several other states. We are on the Peninsula, between the James and York Rivers.

To the mariner, a Roads (or a Roadstead) is a safe protected anchorage outside of a regular harbor where ships may ride at anchor. As shown on the chart for the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, Hampton Roads is one of the best such anchorages on our coast, and is home base for the Atlantic Fleet of the U.S. Navy.

Formed by the confluence of the Elizabeth, Nansemond and James Rivers, and opening to the south end of Chesapeake Bay, Hampton Roads has been used by the British fleets in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 to attack our shores and cities.

For the defense of the Bay, Old Point Comfort has seen a series of fortifications through the years. Fort Algernourne was here from 1609 to 1667. Next was Fort George, built in 1727 and destroyed by a hurricane in 1749. After the British invasions of the War of 1812, the federal government planned a new series of coastal defense installations. Fort Monroe, first known as Fortress Monroe, was started in 1819, and as designed by the French military engineer Brigadier General Simon Bernard, was the largest stone fort ever built in North America. Lt. Robert E. Lee worked here as an engineer officer before the Civil War, and after the War, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was confined in the cell now a part of the casemate

museum. Since the effective range of the cannon of this period would not reach clear across the channel from Fort Monroe, an additional fort on the other side of the channel was started. Known at various times as The Rip-Raps, Fort Calhoun and now Fort Wool, it has seen service but has never actually been completed as planned.

The Union Navy Yard at Norfolk was the largest one in the country at the beginning of the Civil War. Actually located in Portsmouth and named the Gosport Navy Yard, it contained a great amount of naval material when captured by the Confederate forces, including the burned remains of the United States Frigate Merrimack which had been ordered there for needed repairs.

#### THE IRONCLAD SHIPS APPEAR

In its own way, the 19th century was a time of change as remarkable and far reaching in its effects as that of today. Each era has produced several types of war ships that of necessity range from small, fast ships to the heaviest and most powerful. The-Ship-of-the-Line, short for Ship-of-the-Battleline, was the "Battleship" of the age of sail; the mightiest of warships whose cannon could give the most punishment and whose three or four foot thick wooden hulls could take the most. It was the citadel of seapower.

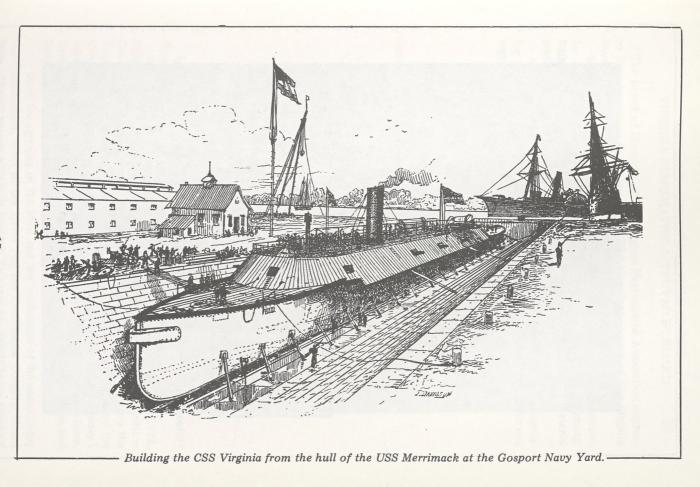
As one writer says: "The Elizabethan seadogs who circled the globe with Drake might have felt at home in the sailing sloop of war Cumberland, as she sank with colors flying on the 8th of March, 1862. Of the five great naval revolutions of the 19th century - steam, shell guns, the screw propeller, rifled ordnance, and armor, one only had influenced her design or equipment. Nothing but her heavy battery of 9-inch smooth-bore shell guns would have seemed wholly unfamiliar to the conquerors of the Spanish Armada. But the crude Virginia, whose iron prow had just dealt the graceful Cumberland her deathblow, embodied all five of these revolutionary features."

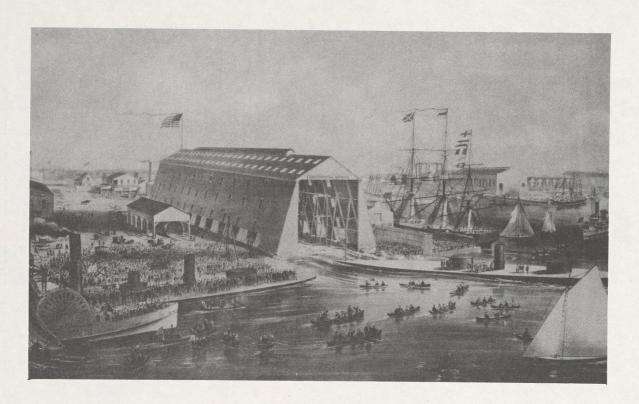
In the Crimean War, the French demonstrated the havoc wrought by shellfire against wooden ships, and the relative invulnerability of their floating batteries at Kinburn. When rifled ordnance increased the advantages of the offense, the doom of the wooden ship was sealed.

The United States made their first appropriation for an armored steam warship in 1842, but this vessel was never completed. Napoleon III gave the support necessary for the construction of the iron-clad seagoing warship, followed by the government of Queen Victoria. All the naval constructors were aware of this, and about one hundred armored vessels of various sizes were built or building throughout the world, but not until the battle of the Monitor and Virginia in Hampton Roads did the general public know it. On that day the wooden ship of the line passed into history as the first strength of navies. But no one type was on hand to replace it.

The next generation would witness much experimentation and wide diversity of thought concerning the new champion of the seas. As it evolved, both Monitor and Virginia provided key elements. They were the grandparents of the mighty battleships that steamed majestically upon the stage of history as the 20th century opened, and culminated in the huge battleships of World War II, such as the USS Missouri, one of the most sophisticated battleships ever built.

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Launching a later type Monitor from the Continental Iron Works in Green Point, Brooklyn, New York. \_\_

## SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL ISSUE OF THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST APPROVED BY BOARD

The Board of Directors of The Virginia Numismatist Association approved the proposal to have a special EXTRA bicentennial issue of The Virginia Numismatist on July 4, 1976.

We are pleased with the response to our request for articles and pictures for our July 4th issue, and hope that additional ones will be forthcoming. With two centuries to cover, there should be a lot of numismatic material available that would be of interest to Virginians.

Also, we hope that many clubs and individuals will want to have advertising space in this special collectors edition. Rates will be the same as for our regular issues.



Continued from the last issue . . .

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

by James A. Johnson, Jr.

These questions and answers, by V N A member James A. Johnson, Jr., were from two guest columns he wrote for the Richmond Times Dispatch, while regular columnist Jim Packard was on vacation. We thought that they would be of much interest to our readers too. They will be broken up into short segments and included in this and future issues.

Q. When did the new U.S. government first issue currency and coins? What was legal tender to that time?

A. The first coins made in the U.S. Mint at Philadelphia were dated 1793. Prior to that time there were copper coins issued by a number of the states — Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, Vermont, and others — and the Fugio cent, said to have been designed by Benjamin Franklin and issued the Continental Congress. The amount of these coins issued was small by today's standards, and they did not circulate in quantity far from their point of issue. Large transactions were still apparently carried out in British pounds and Spanish milled dollars.

Until the opening of the Mint and the unification of the states under our Constitution, most of the states and the Continental Congress issued bales of paper money with little backing. This was constantly being devalued and the people quickly lost faith in it. The expression "Not Worth A Continental", referring to this paper, is still in use today. When the U.S. began coinage, they wisely abolished the issue of paper money by the government. Chartered banks were allowed to issue their own notes on promise to redeem them, on demand, in gold or silver. But the public, still distrusting paper money of any kind, received such notes with reluctance — often at a substantial discount.

It was not until the severe coin shortage, caused by the Civil War, that the Federal government again issued its own paper money in 1862.

Gold or silver, as coin or bullion, was in fact the legal tender of the early days of our country.

Q. Did the Spanish milled dollar, "piece of eight", circulate in Virginia, and if so, over what period?

A. The "piece of eight" and its fractions furnished the majority of circulating coinage in early Virginia until about 1820. It was legal tender until 1857.

It is unusual to find the dollar size "piece of eight" in surviving boxes of old money that turn up in estates in this area. This is probably because its value was so high in buying power that it was not a standard part of pocket change. It was also, as previously mentioned, often cut up to make small change.

Another factor contributing to its scarcity was the practice of early banks and merchants to send any large amounts of foreign silver or gold coins they had accumulated to the U.S. Mint for recoinage. Many also were melted by jewelers to make silverware. The pieces we find today are chiefly the one-half real and one-real coins, usually much worn and often holed.

It was a popular superstition among the uneducated people of that period that a piece of gold or silver worn next to the skin would keep the witches from riding them. This, and the attractiveness of probably the only bit of silver they would ever own, caused them to piece the coin and suspend it around the neck or ankle as their own personal talisman.

Q. Were the Fugio cents in circulation in Virginia?

A. Probably in no great quantity. This copper coin, said to have been designed by Benjamin Franklin — and the first coin issued by the authority of the United States — was made by a private contractor in New Haven, Conn., and probably also in New York and Vermont. All are dated 1787. They carried the figure of a sun dial on the obverse and the Latin word "FUGIO" — I (time) fly — hence its name. On the same side was also the terse advice "MIND YOUR BUSINESS". The reverse had a chain of 13 linked circles. Within this were the words "UNITED STATES" and "WE ARE ONE".

The few that I have seen in Virginia accumulations were not badly worn from circulation and had probably been saved and treasured as a memento of the birth of our nation.

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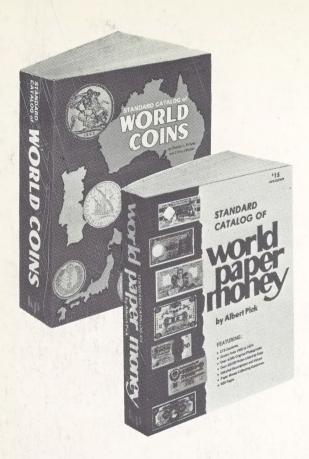


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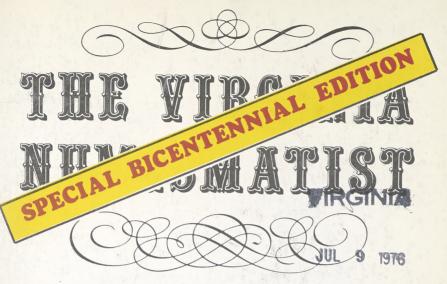
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# President's Page

I am pleased and proud to present here the official 1976 bicentennial project of The Virginia Numismatic Association to our members and friends and to the fine people of the State of Virginia - this special extra issue of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, dated July 4, 1976.

We all feel that this is certain to become one of the keepsakes of the bicentennial in Virginia, and I want to express my thanks to all of the people who have worked with all of the fine people who have so generously contributed ideas, articles and items from their collections to to you as the contribution of The Virginia Numismatic anniversary of our Nation in the State of Virginia.

Two hundred years ago the living and working conditions were vastly different from those of today. There were some three million people in all of the thirteen colonies scattered along the Atlantic coast of the contimers; towns were small; transportation and communication were slow and difficult, by foot, horse and sailing vessels; their minds and hearts, so that a nation of free people still governed by a far away Crown.

Today we have well over two hundred million people in a country extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, their obligations to those who gave so much to make our to see that it stays free, even as it is assaulted by forces and people undreamed of by our forebearers

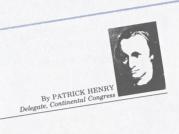
Read, enjoy and cherish it, and pray that we may ever cherish freedom in our hearts as free Virginians and free Americans, to pass along to our descendants.

George Miller

### from the EDITOR

#### PATRIOTISM

There are many ways of describing patriotism, but the one found in the June issue of The Kiwanis Magazine said so much better than we could what we wanted to say, that we are reproducing it for you. Please read for yourself the words of Patrick Henry, our fellow Virginian, just before the signing



Editorial

The Textbook of Treedom

POKEN IN INDEPENDENCE HALL, Philadelphia, SPOREN IN INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILadelphia,
Pennsylvania, before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776; These words will go forth to the world when our These words will go forth to the world which bolds are dust. To the slave in bondage they will nones are oust. 10 the slave in nondage they will speak hope; to the mechanic in his workshop, free-

That parchment will speak to kings in language inst parcnment will speak to kings in language sad and terrible as the trumpet of the archangel. You have trampled on the rights of mankind long enough

nave trampled on the rights of manking long enough. At last, the voice of human woe has pierced the ear of Such is the message of the Declaration to the At last, the voice of numan wor has par God, and called His judgment down. kings of the world. And shall we falter now? And shall we start back appalled when our free people

press the very threshold of freedom? Sign! If the next moment the gibbet's rope is around your neck. Sign! if the next moment this hall around your neck. Sign; it the next mountains and main rings with the echo of the falling ax. Sign! by all your rings with the ecale of the faming as, sign; by an your hopes in life or death, as husbands, fathers—as men nopes in me or usum, as musuamus, names—as men with our names to the parchment, or be accursed for ever! Sign! not only for yourselves, but for all ages; ever! Sign! not only for yourselves, but for all ages; for that parchment will be the textbook of freedom-

the Bible of the rights of man forever. Sign! for the Declaration will go forth to American hearts like the voice of God. And its work will can nearts like the voice or God. And its work will not be done until throughout this wide continent not not be done untal stronghout this while continent into a single inch of ground owns the sway of privilege or

It is not given to our poor human intellect to this not given to our poor numan intenect to climb the skies, to pierce the councils of the Alcumb the skies, to pierce the councils of the Ar-mighty One. But methinks I stand among the awful mignty One. But methings i stand among the awith clouds which veil the brightness of Jehovah's throne. clouds which ven the ungithtess of general sections. Methinks  $\bar{1}$  see the recording angel—pale as angel is

pale, weeping as an angel can weep-come trembling pare, weeping as an anger can weep—come tremum up to the throne and speaking his dreadful message. to the throne and speaking his dreading message. Father! The old world is baptized in blood. Father! It is drenched with the blood of millions who

ther: it is urenched with the blood of minious who have been executed, in slow and grinding oppression. nave been executed, in slow and granding oppression.
Father, look! With one glance of thine eternal eye, rather, 100k: With one giance of thine eternal eye, look over Europe, Asia, Africa, and behold everywhere a terrible sight—man trodden down beneath where a terriore signt-man trouden down beneath the oppressor's feet, nations lost in blood, murder, and superstition walking hand in hand, over the and supersulum warking mand in manu, over the graves of their victims, and not a single voice to whis-

nope to man. He stands there (the angel), his hand trembling per hope to man.

tn tne numan guit. But hark! The voice of Jehovah speaks out from but mark: the vocte of Jenovan speaks out from the awful cloud: Let there be light again. Let there with the human guilt. the awill cloud. Let there be light again, Let there be a new world. Tell my people, the poor down be a new world. Tell my people, the poor gown-trodden millions, to go out from the old world. Tell them to go out from wrong, oppression, and blood. Tell them to go out from the old world to build up

anar in one new. As God lives, my friends, I believe that to be His No GOO HYES, HAY LIBERUS, I DEREVE CRAE GO DE FIS Voice. Yes, were my soull trembling on the wing of my altar in the new. voice. 1es, were my soul crembing on the wing of eternity, were this hand freezing to death, were my voice choking with the last struggle, I would still, voice choking with the last struggle, 1 would suit, with the last gasp of that voice, implore you to remember the truth! God has given America to be free. member the truth: Old has given America to be free. Yes, as I sank down into the gloomy shadows of the i es, as i sank down into the groundy shadows of the grave, with my last gasp I would beg you to sign that parchment. In the name of the One who made you, parcnment. In the name of the View who makes you, the Saviour who redeemed you, in the name of the the Saviour was reusemen you, in the name of the millions whose very breath is now hushed, as, in inminions whose very breath is now nusned, as, in in-tense expectation, they look up to you for the awful words, YOU ARE FREE!



of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia. The events of the last 200 years have only made them more meaningful.

We all realize that this is not as perfect a world as it was hoped it would become, but many of us feel that our country is still the best one in the world in which to live. Here there are more opportunity for work and advancement, and less desire for freedom to become license, than in many other areas. We hope that you will join us in a prayer that our great land will continue to be "One Nation, Under God, Indivisible", in which our "hostages to fortune", our children, will be able to live and flourish for millennia to come.

Many ideas were advanced to the Board of Directors for a bicentennial project for The Virginia Numismatic Association, but the proposal by Frank Hannah for a special extra issue of The Virginia Numismatist was the one approved. Our special thanks go to Frank and Margery for all they have done to make it possible.

The final product that you see here is the result of lots of work, letter writing, waiting out the mails, telephoning, traveling, research, writing and rewriting of articles, photographing many items and the burning of midnight oil by lots of fine people. . . for whom the only reward will be your thanks for a job well done.

When we were deciding on a theme for this special issue back in April, we were going to write an editorial to introduce the theme....but in the later part of June the editorial has become a letter to the members and friends of The Virginia Numismatic Association and the readers of The Virginia Numismatist.

For our part, we hope that this special issue will recall the best of the past few hundred years, and encourage us all to work for the betterment of our Country, our State and our hobby in the years to come.

> Don Roberts, Editor The Virginia Numismatist



#### Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.



Many collectors have overlooked the possibilities for history and displays using picture postcards issued over the years.

Since the theme of this issue is PATRIOTISM, we are indebted to Ben Duncan for allowing us to use some of his comprehensive collection, showing patriotic scenes from different periods. We hope to show other types at later dates.



1776 - 1976

Two hundred years of freedom in America — this year we are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

As one of the original thirteen colonies, Virginia played an important role in our struggle for independence. Seven of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were from Virginia. They were:

George Wythe Richard Henry Lee Thomas Jefferson

Benjamin Harrison

Thomas Nelson Francis Lightfoot Lee Carter Braxton

George Washington, the first President of the United States, was a Virginian. Let us not forget two men that came to America's aid during the struggle for independence—Major General and Baron Frederick Von Steuben—when he finally retired from the American service he was tendered the formal "thanks of Congress" for his services. Major General Marquis de Lafayette came to America at age 19 and offered his services without pay. Lafayette played such an important role in our struggle for independence that he was made an American citizen by virtue of an act of Congress.

Our program tonight is to observe the bicentennial celebration of our nation and is dedicated to all men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country — the United States of America.

I want to talk to you about something very dear to all of us — American heritage, and one particular piece, the Declaration of Independence. Most of us know about it but very few know of the men who signed it and what happened to them. We all know our American heritage is something to be proud of, to perpetuate so future generations can enjoy what it gives to us, and what we have enjoyed — liberty, freedom, justice.

From the date of the Stamp Act in 1765 the colonists had been actively resisting the King and Parliament. They had met in two Continental Con-

gresses in defiance of British rule. Blood had been shed at Lexington and Concord, Moore's Creek and Bunker Hill. Ticonderoga and Montreal had been captured, Quebec had been attacked, and Boston had been besieged.

In spite of all these events, the colonists had been slow to move for absolute independence. On June 7, 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia

offered a resolution in Congress.

RESOLVED that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connections between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally disolved.

This resolution was seconded by John Adams of Massachusettes. This was

the first and real concerted action taken.

On July 2, 1776, the resolution was taken up in the committee of the whole. Nine states voted to adopt the resolution, South Carolina and Pennsylvania were opposed. Strictly speaking, therefore, July 2, 1776, is the day upon which Congress voted for independence. John Adams wrote to his wife that same night,

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illumination, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore.<sup>2</sup>

The next day, the 3rd of July, Congress met in regular session in favor of

the resolution declaring the United States independent.

Meanwhile, on June 11 a committee consisting of Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston had been appointed to draw up a declaration of the reasons for separation. This committee reported on the 28th of June and the document was discussed in the committee of the whole before independence had been formally voted by the Congress. The document itself is the work of Jefferson. A few corrections were made by other members of the committee of five and a few amendments by Congress. On July 4, 1776, the corrected and amended declaration was adopted by vote of the twelve states, but it was signed on that date only by John Hancock, the President of the Congress, and Charles Thomson from Pennsylvania, the Secretary. This original copy has disappeared. Charles Thomson's signature does not appear on the official copy of the Declaration of Independence as we know it today. John Hancock is said to have signed in large bold handwriting so that the King of England could read it without his glasses.

On July 19 Congress voted that the document be engrossed on parchment and signed by every member. This copy was made and on August 2 it was signed by all the members present, including the delegates from New

York who had not voted for independence on July 2, 3, or 4. One man did not sign it at all, Robert Livingston of New York, although he was on the committee, and another signed in 1781, Thomas McKean of Delaware.

So, you see that independence was declared not on July 4 but on July 2 and July 3. The formal declaration was adopted on July 4 but it was not signed on that day but on August 2 and later, as in the case of Thomas McKean, 1781.

This action by the colonists infuriated the British and the Revolutionary War followed. The King declared the signers traitors, accused them of treason, and issued warrants for their arrest.

What kind of men signed the Declaration of Independence? They were not rabble-rousing ruffians, but were men of means and education. They had security but they valued liberty more and had a vision of a nation where liberty, freedom, and justice reigned supreme. What kind of men were they? They included lawyers, jurists, merchants, farmers, plantation owners, and doctors. Of these men, thirty-two had studied in colleges; the youngest — Edward Rutledge, 26; the oldest — Benjamin Franklin, 70.

All of the signers knew that they were signing their own death warrants, and the penalty would be death if they were captured. They had faith in each other and in their cause. They pledged,

For the support of the declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.<sup>3</sup>

Could anyone be asked to do more? Would we be willing to do as much for our country, the United States of America? Have you ever wondered what happened to these men?

Thomas Jefferson escaped through a tunnel and ran for his life as the British Cavalry converged on his home, Monticello, Carter Braxton, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He had to sell his home and all of his properties to pay his debts. Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family constantly. He served in Congress without pay. All of his possessions were taken from him and poverty was his reward. Vandals and soldiers looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton. Thomas Nelson, Jr., after learning that the British General, Cornwallis, had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters, quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. His home was destroyed and he died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home destroyed and his wife jailed, where she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their thirteen children fled for their own lives. His grist mill was destroyed, his fields laid waste. He was forced to live in the forest and caves for more than a year. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates. Their homes were destroyed, their families scattered. Norris also spent three years in debtors prison after the war.

To re-cap — of the fifty-six signers, all were hounded and hunted as long as they lived. Five were captured by the British as traitors and tortured be-

fore they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army. One had two sons captured. Nine fought and died from wounds or the hardships of war. Seventeen lost everything they owned. None lost their sacred honor,

For the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

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#### 200 YEARS OF FREEDOM IN AMERICA

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Note from the Editor . . .

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Richard Henry Lee of Virginia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>John Adams of Massachusettes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, The Declaration of Independence.

# "A CHANCE FOR \$50,000" THE DISMAL SWAMP CANAL LOTTERIES



Despite current pious polemics on the evils of gambling and the recent refusal of the Virginia State Legislature to legalize pari-mutuel horse race betting in the Commonwealth, it should not be forgotten that Virginia once led the nation in the vast number of valuable works which were almost exclusively financed by lotteries held under the sponsorship of the State Legislature. Indeed, Virginia's priority in this field had its origins in the early lotteries sanctioned by the English crown in the sixteenth century. Of signal importance was the government licensing of lotteries held in London during the reign of King James I to give financial help to the struggling Virginia Company in 1611-1612 "for advancing the said plantation," i.e. Jamestown. Indeed, these lotteries reputedly were the Virginia Company's chief source of income and they lasted until the King's Proclamation of March 8, 1621.

Hening's Statutes, the thirteen-volume compendium of all laws of Virginia covering the colonial era and extending on into the early years of the Republic, are replete with eighteenth century acts authorizing lotteries to promote a host of worthy projects. They ranged from building churches and lodges to erecting monuments and promoting institutions of learning. When the colonies elected to separate from the mother country, the lottery business continued unabated and the American Congress in 1776 instituted a national lottery, "warmly advocated by Jefferson and other statesmen," so it was reported.

However, in Virginia's 1779 "Act to suppress excessive gaming," the dangers inherent in lottery operations were recognized and all private lotteries were ruled illegal. Thus, individuals were forbidden raising money for themselves by these means. But the universal human fallibility of wanting something for nothing, or at least gaining a lot by risking only a little, made lotteries exceedingly popular. Reputedly, a well-run lottery returned in prizes 85 per cent of the money taken in by subscriptions and the sale of tickets or fractions thereof.

In the field of navigation and internal improvements, one of Virginia's earliest lottery authorizations was by statute of February, 1772, for "opening and extending the navigation of the river Potowmack," according to which, "it shall be lawful for the said trustees to set on foot a public lottery to consist of 20,000 tickets, to be rated and sold at five pounds, current money, each." The highest prize awarded was £5,000 and "the said trustees" included a blue ribbon panel of such Virginia notables as Thomas Nelson, William Byrd, John Page, Peyton Randolph, George Wythe, Patrick Henry and others who wished to extend "encouragement to those who shall subscribe liberally to this great, patriotic, and beneficial undertaking."

The city of Richmond put on a lottery to raise money for a stone bridge for the James River and Shockoe Creek Navigation in 1782 and, although the famous Dismal Swamp Canal connecting Chesapeake Bay and Albemarle Sound was one of the nation's earliest artificial waterways, having been chartered by the Virginia Legislature in 1787 and by North Carolina three years later, apparently financing this great venture by lottery assistance did not come along until the first part of the nineteenth century. When opened in 1805, only limited navigation through the canal was provided for flatboats and log rafts, but following the War of 1812, work was begun to enlarge what had been hardly more than a ditch into a proper ship canal. This work was completed for shoal draft vessels in 1826.

In granting the canal company a time extension to carry out these improvements, by an act of February 14, 1816, the Virginia Legislature both recommended and authorized it to raise \$50,000 by lottery. Not much later, the earliest reference to the actual use of a lottery for the benefit of the Dismal Swamp Canal appeared in president Luke Wheeler's advertisement in the Norfolk Herald of November 1, 1819. This stated that "Tickets and Shares in the Navigation Lottery to be held at J. Foster, Jr. Exchange Office, head of Marsden's Wharf, Norfolk" were available at \$9.00 each in a lottery authorized by the State of Virginia "for connecting the waters of the ROANOKE and ELIZABETH Rivers through the Dismal Swamp Canal."

The following year, the *Herald* of May 17, 1820, contained an advertisement placed by Cohen's Lottery and Exchange Office in Norfolk for "the Second Class of the Internal Navigation Lottery, being of larger Capital than the other schemes, and one of encreased brilliancy." Prizes totaling \$80,000 were offered, with a first prize of \$15,000.

Advertisements in both the *Herald* and the *American Beacon* in January and February, 1826, promoted a "Virginia State Lottery of the First Class for the Benefit of the Dismal Swamp Canal Company, scheduled for drawing on March 1. The ads were placed by "J.I. Cohen, Jr. & Brothers, corner Water Street and Market Square" and by "J.B. Yates and A. McIntyre, managers, Virginia State Lottery Office, Market Square," Norfolk.

Leading off a facsimile detail taken from a page of advertisements appearing in the *Herald* of February 13, 1829, is the announcement: "This day only . . tickets can be obtained in the Virginia State Lottery for the benefit of the Dismal Swamp Canal," plus the enticement: "A Chance for 50,000 Dollars!"



Also reproduced in facsimile is an assortment of Dismal Swamp Canal lottery tickets preserved in Chesapeake Circuit Court files — originally Norfolk County — covering an 1826 drawing. It is amusing to note the little engravings appearing on the left side of the tickets showing a horse-drawn passenger canalboat, obviously Erie Canal vintage. No such craft ever plied Virginia waterways of this area, however. But an excellent representation of a little stern paddle wheel steamboat, expressly built in Portsmouth in 1830 to ply the Dismal Swamp Canal, appears in engraved vignettes on early Virginia paper money, such as the \$10.00 note issued by the Exchange Bank of Norfolk, established March 25, 1837. The little vessel depicted is the sprightly Lady of the Lake, and she is shown steaming up the canal passing the Lake Drummond Hotel of questionable reputation on the right bank.



As stated, although an imposing number of fine public works were financed over the years by the lottery method, and such prestigeous institutions as the College of William and Mary and the University of Virginia were also beneficiaries, lotteries gradually began to fall under disfavor in the United States and, by the so-called "Reform Convention" of 1850-1851 held in Richmond, the Virginia General Assembly placed a prohibition on lotteries in the Commonwealth. This brought to a close more than two centuries of such exciting and suspenseful means of raising money by endorsing schemes of "encreased brilliancy."

Note from the Editor . . .

Alexander Brown, recently retired from The Newport News Daily Press Editorial Board, has many articles and books to his credit dealing with ships and the men that use them.

# Treasurer Nicholas and his Paper Money

by Richard Jones

As collectors of coins and paper money, we often become so concerned about condition and market value of these bits of metal and paper that we fail to discover and to appreciate the stories they can tell if we will only listen. So it is with the early Treasury notes of Virginia. In this bicentennial year of our declaration of independence from England, it seems fitting that we travel back in time those 200 years, and perhaps a bit more, and discover some of the fascinating stories which give true value and meaning to our early Treasury note issues.

One man dominates the study of these early Treasury notes - Robert Carter Nicholas, who served as the Treasurer of Virginia from 1766 until the end of 1776. Nicholas was one of the most respected and capable of those patriots who guided Virginia in the difficult years between the French and Indian Wars and our own independence as a nation. He served as a member of the House of Burgesses representing York County from 1756 to 1761, James City County from 1766 to 1775, was a member of all the Revolutionary Conventions, and served in the House of Delegates from 1776 to 1779. At the time of his death in 1780, he was a Judge of the High Court of Chancery and the Court of Appeals of Virginia. The esteem in which he was held by his fellow Virginians is shown by the fact that an ordinance of the Virginia Convention of July, 1775 provided that in case of the death or disability of the President, Mr. Nicholas should be authorized to call a special session if one were needed.

The year 1775 was a time of transition in the American Colonies. Virginia was not prepared financially for the war that was about to begin, and specie, never plentiful in the Colonies, had all but disappeared. The economy of Virginia had always been based on tobacco - an export commodity which did not lend itself to financing an adequate defense. When the Virginia Convention met in March, 1775, finance was one of their greatest problems.

Robert Carter Nicholas could well imagine the problems he would encounter, when on July 17, 1775 the Convention authorized an issue of £350,000 in Treasury notes for the defense of the Colony. The technical problems were perplexing — where could he obtain the paper for such an issue of paper money — would the new notes be so extensively counterfeited that they would have to be quickly replaced? Would they be accepted

by the people of Virginia, and would they be received in neighboring Colonies where vital supplies had to be purchased?

To understand these problems as they must have occurred to Robert Carter Nicholas, we should turn back the clock a few years and review Virginia's experience with paper Treasury notes. Virginia first issued Treasury notes in 1755 - the last of the 13 Colonies to experiment with the "evils" of paper money.

England was at war with France, and the war required great expenditures in men and money for the protection of the western frontier. The Virginia Assembly met in May of 1755, and from necessity authorized the issue of £20,000 in interest bearing notes "to protect his Majesty's subjects from the insults and encroachments of the French." The Crown had always frowned upon paper money issued in the Colonies, however, the necessity for raising large amounts of money in a hurry justified the issuing of these first Virginia Treasury notes. In his correspondence with Lord Halifax, Lieutenant Governor Dinwiddie reported "I always was averse to paper money but I beg leave to assure your Lordship yet without it they would grant no supplies; — the absolute necessity and emergency of our affairs prevailed on me."

There were technical problems with these early issues. The large amount of money to be raised necessitated printing many high denomination notes, which were of little use in payment to the Virginia Militia fighting on the western frontier. Treasury notes were new to Virginia, and there was a natural reluctance among merchants in Virginia and the neighboring Colonies to accept them in payment for supplies urgently needed by Colonel Washington on the western frontier. Payment for the Militia was still calculated in pounds of tobacco — a medium of exchange which the average Virginian understood and trusted. The situation existing on the western frontier was vividly described in a letter from Colonel George Washington to Treasurer John Robinson dated August 5, 1756.

"The inconveniences that arise from paying the soldiers in large bills, are not to be conceived. We are obliged afterwards to give the pay of two or three soldiers to one man. He, ten to one else, drinks, games, or pays it away; by which means the parties are all dissatisfied, and perpetually complaining for want of their pay. It also prevents them from laying out their pay for absolute necessaries, and obliges them many times to drink it out; for they put it into the tavern-keeper's hands, who will give no change, unless they consent to take the greatest part in liquor. In short, for five shillings "cash" you may at any time purchase a month's pay from the soldiers; in such contempt do they hold the currency. Besides small bills (if the thing is practicable.) I should be extremely glad to receive some part of the money in Spanish and Portugal gold and silver. There are many things wanted for use of the regiment, which cannot be had here, and may at Philadelphia; but their undervaluing of our money, has prevented my sending thither."

The printing press in Williamsburg was busy trying to remedy the situation—so busy in fact that the printer, William Hunter, could not keep up with the urgently needed legal printing required by the Governor. "Our printing office is so closely engaged in printing paper currency that I could not get the mutiny and desertion act in print.", reported Dinwiddie in a letter to Washington dated July 18, 1757.

A number of issues of Treasury notes followed, all urgently required for the defense of the Colony, and all secured by the future collection of taxes. Some financial help was forthcoming from England, and with the gradual redemption of the notes, their value held up quite well. Specie was almost non-existent in the Colonies, so from necessity, the notes were quite popular with most Virginians.

Robert Carter Nicholas became well aware of many of the problems connected with paper money emissions as a signer of each of these early issues beginning with the March 1756 issue. One can well imagine just how well acquainted he became with paper money after signing his name many thousands of times to these pieces of paper, usually directed under that of Peyton Randolph.

The last of the early Treasury note issues dated April 7, 1762 brought to an end the first experience with the "evils" of paper money in Virginia. Times were changing. The end of the French and Indian Wars in 1763 brought an increasing sense of pride and strength among the Colonies. Prior to 1760, the Colonies had been neglected to a great extend by England. Many laws governing trade and industry in the Colonies had been enforced on a haphazard basis if at all for a number of years. This lack of any real concern for the economic health within the Colonies had suppressed the growth of industry and had maintained the Colonies in a subservient role to the British government.

In 1760 George III became King of England. This new sense of strength and independence in America, as well as the tremendous cost of the war with France troubled him. Many of the old laws were resurrected, much to the irritation of the Colonies. In 1764, George Grenville, Chancellor of the Exchequer ordered a vigorous enforcement of the Navigation Acts which gave English merchants and shipping a virtual monopoly in trade with the American Colonies. In 1765 the infamous Stamp Act was imposed, which brought most vocal protests from many in the Colonies. Patrick Henry in his resolution protesting the Stamp Act described it as a "tendency to destroy British as well as American freedom." A supply of the hated revenue stamps arrived in Virginia, however, they were met with such vocal opposition they were never placed in use. Governor Fauquier reported the incident - "This concourse of people I should call a mob, did I not know that it was chiefly if not altogether composed of gentlemen of property in the Colony." As a result of this opposition throughout the Colonies, the Stamp Act was repealed in 1766.

Resolutions and oratory seemed to have had little impact on the British

authorities, however, a new economic weapon — the Associations for Non-Importation of British Manufactures were to have more effect. As a result of these first pledges by Colonial merchants to cease importing British luxuries into the Colonies, the Townshend Acts were imposed, placing more duties on necessities which the Colonies had to import. An interesting letter from John Page, Junr. to John Norton in England described the conditions pre-

vailing in Virginia in the late 1760's.

"I can not help assuring you again that I should not have sent you such an invoice last year, if I had known the amount of my debts here, and could have forseen the Expenses of Electioneering; for nobody hates the thought of being in debt more than I do; but the great scarcity of money here, ----, have forced me to submit to it for a while; but I hope it will not be long, as I ---- have resolved not to send to England for anything this year, and have entered into the Association. I like the Association because I think it will repeal the disagreeable Acts of Parliament, open the eyes of the people with you and most certainly clear us of debt. All North America will join in the scheme. How must you manufacturers curse the minister who has driven the Colonies to this.

I hope our unhappy differences will soon be at an end, for I think that Parliament must be soon convinced that the Acts we complain of are unconstitutional, and anti commercial, and then will with a greatness of mind worthy of that August Body, re-

peal them as such."

Additional non-deportation agreements were signed, which in effect stopped most trade with the British merchants in England. As a result of this decline in tax revenues to the Crown, but primarily due to pressure exerted by the hard pressed British merchants, these taxes were repealed by Parliament in 1770 — except for the tax on tea. While not important as a tax source, the tea tax was retained as a reminder that Parliament retained the right to tax the Colonies as it pleased. This tax continued to be a source of irritation — so much so that almost none of the taxed tea entered Virginia. Feeling was so strong by 1774 that when a small shipment of tea was discovered on the merchant ship "Virginia," angry patriots boarded the ship and tossed it into the York River — sort of a "Williamsburg Tea Party."

Such were the times when Robert Carter Nicholas was appointed Treasurer of Virginia in 1766. He inherited a real financial mess from the late Treasurer John Robinson. It seemed that Robinson had made a practice of loaning out many of the redeemed Treasury notes which were supposed to have been destroyed. There was no evidence of intentional fraud on Robinson's part, as these loans were secured by promissory notes, however, a scandal followed this disclosure, prompting Nicholas to offer his services as Treasurer — a post he was to hold for more than 10 years.

The condition of the Treasury improved greatly under Nicholas' direction, and demand for a sound circulating currency combined with sound

management of the earlier Treasury note issues made them most popular. Nicholas, in a letter dated July 16, 1773, described their popularity as follows: "Most of the merchants as well as others, sensible of the goodness of the foundation, on which the security of these notes is established, have generally (till within these twelve months, when our Exchange took a sudden and unexpected start, owing to the peculiar complection of the times) preferred them either to gold or silver, as being more convenient for transacting the internal business of the country."

Nicholas had no great love for paper money, however, in 1769 a modest issue of £10,000 in Treasury notes was authorized to be issued for a period of 2 years. These notes were printed by William Rind in Williamsburg, and were similar in appearance to the earlier Treasury note issues, however, each note had the prophetic warning "To Counterfeit is Death" — a warning of things to come.

Money from this issue was needed to pay for a survey of the Cherokee lands boundary and to pay for some tobacco damaged while stored in government warehouses. Another more interesting reason for this issue was to raise £2500 for the importation of copper coinage from England. Operating through John Norton, a Virginia merchant who had moved to London in 1764, Nicholas repeatedly tried to have copper coinage imported into Virginia. In a letter to John Norton dated Dec. 28, 1769, Nicholas reported "Our countrymen are desirous of introducing copper money amongst us and in the last Assembly address'd the Governor to intercede with his Majesty to allow it to be current. So soon as the King's proclamation appears for that purpose, I am directed to import as many half pennies as £2500 St. will purchase; but as I am pretty much a stranger to a thing of the sort, I would be glad of your advice, in the meantime, how it is to be procured upon the best terms."

#### Virginia Halfpenny



Obverse

Reverse

The Virginia Halfpenny bearing a bust of George III on the obverse, and a modified Virginia Coat of Arms, the word "Virginia", and the date 1773 on the reverse. The Virginia halfpenny has the distinction of being the only fully authorized coin with legal tender status specially minted for use in the American Colonies.

Importing the copper coinage was not as easy as Nicholas had thought. After numerous delays and misunderstandings with the British authorities, permission was finally obtained to import a special half penny in the reduced amount of £1000 copper value. With the able assistance of John Norton, the new Virginia half pennies were finally coined and arrived in Williamsburg on February 14, 1774 aboard the Norton ship "Virginia." Their first use, interestingly enough, was as ballast aboard the "Virginia"—all five tons of them. Ironically, these coins were not released to the public until the spring of 1775 when the spirit of independence in the Colonies was firmly established. One tends to wonder how the average Virginian "Revolutionary" reacted to having at long last his own Virginia coinage, showing a portrait of King George III on the obverse, now that the inevitable split from England was eminent.

The "Great Fresh of 1771" brought unexpected tragedy to the economy of Virginia. In May of 1771, torrential rains deluged western Virginia, bringing the greatest flood in the history of the Colony to the Tidewater section. A comment heard in Richmond was that "Old Nick had bored a hole through the mountains, and let in the South Sea upon them." In July, 1771, the General Assembly met in special session to consider measures to be taken to relieve this economic disaster. Since tobacco was the basis of the Colony's economy, the Assembly assumed responsibility for damages to the tobacco stored in the public warehouses. An emergency issue of £30,000 of new Treasury notes was authorized, redeemable by Dec. 10, 1775. These notes were almost identical in design to those of the 1769 issue, and again displayed the warning "To Counterfeit is Death."

The warning to potential counterfeiters had very little effect, for in January, 1773, very dangerous counterfeits of both the 1769 and 1771 issues were discovered. Merchants from all parts of the Colony met in Williamsburg with Robert Carter Nicholas to deal with the situation. On January 29, Mr. Nicholas issued the following notice for publication in the "Virginia Gazette" — "It is with infinite concern that I find there is immediate occasion to caution the public against several very ingenious and therefore the most dangerous forgeries of many of the Five Pound Bills, emitted in November 1769 and July 1771.

After extensive research into ways of detecting the counterfeit notes, these merchants returned to their homes where it was intended that they should pass upon the genuineness of notes referred to them for examination. In a notice appearing in the "Virginia Gazette" of Feb. 4, Nicholas offered to pass upon the authenticity of any notes sent to him, and even offered to act as a receiver for money owed to those who were reluctant to accept paper money. Nicholas noted that "By pursuing some or all of these measures, I flatter myself that the credit of our paper money may still be supported, whilst it is suffered to continue in circulation. Let not the poor industrious planter be tempted by the clinking of a little gold or silver in his ears to part with the fruits of his labour at an under rate, but rather let him be persuaded that by pursuing one of these methods, which will cost him but a little more

trouble than he has been used to, he may receive the full worth of his commodities in other money, equal in value, and perhaps more convenient to him."

Business in the Colony was almost completely paralyzed, and in effect, all circulation of paper money in Virginia came to a sudden stop. Governor Dunmore called a special session of the General Assembly for March 4, 1773 to deal with the situation. The Treasurer was directed by the Assembly to redeem the two emissions of 1769 and 1771, either by borrowing specie or by issuing new replacement notes not to exceed £36,834. A simple solution, perhaps, but where could Nicholas obtain the special paper required? Who could engrave the necessary plates and print notes of such quality which could not be duplicated by the counterfeiters?

Robert Carter Nicholas turned again to his friend John Norton in England for help. In a letter dated March 17, 1773, Nicholas explained the situation to Norton, and outlined his ideas for the new issue of Treasury notes —

#### Williamsburg 17th March 1773

Dear Sirs,

In my last I informed you of the misfortune this Country had met with, in having its two last Emissions of Paper Money so ingeniously counterfeited, that the most knowing have been imposed upon. These Notes were impressed upon the Paper vou some years ago sent to Dr. Walker for his own private use, & were guarded with such a Variety of Checks that I flattered myself with hopes of the most perfect Security. Some Individuals will sustain Losses; but having discovered the authors of this Mischief several of whom are now in Jail I'm in hopes such Practices will be put a Stop to. Our Assembly has been called and they have authorized me to borrow a sufficient Sum in Specie to take in and destroy both these Emissions the Balance of which now in Circulation amounts to £36,800 but where to get the Money I do not know; if it could be borrowed in England or a part of it I could make Bills of Exchange answer my Purpose pretty well; the Interest to be allowed is 5 pr ct. Can any of your Friends assist me in this Difficulty? The Funds appropriated are unquestionable and if by any accident they should prove deficient the Assembly has engaged to make up any Deficiency. In Case I should not be able to borrow, I am authorized to emit other Treasury Notes to take in such as are not redeemable 'till a future Day, and these new Notes are to be redeemed at the Time appointed for the Redemption of those to be taken in. The late Colo. Thomas Tabb whom you knew and some other principal Merchts on James River a few Years ago intended to have established a private Bank and had some Paper made in London to circulate their Notes; on this Paper is of an exquisite fine Texture is impressed with the best copper

Plate I ever saw and has several very ingenious Devices wrought upon it so that I should hope it would baffle the attempts of the most crafty and ingenious to counterfeit it. The Notes now to be emitted are to circulate but a little more than a twelve months; if in the mean Time I can borrow the Money I am directed to take them in otherwise I am to issue other Notes redeemable at the Time fixed for the redemption of those immediately to be called in. It is judged here that the shortness of the Time will be an exceeding good Security and I am directed to import from London some of the very best Paper that can be procured for the future Emission. To effect this I must beg the favour of your Assistance. It is wished that we could have some Paper as is used at the Bank made on Purpose. Mr. James Ingram of Norfolk & the Revd Mr. Henley have recommended each a Sample which I inclose you, the former I own I should prefer: the words in yellow and the Chain around the Edges are proposed to be wrought in the Paper itself; the words in black Letters to be done with the most exquisite Copper Plate; the Virginia Arms to be in the Form of a Seal; the Scroll or Cypher with the word Virginia to be likewise done in Copper Plate the Bill to be of the same size but as the Paper itself is to be bound in Books of about 50 or 100 Sheets there should I think be a greater length allowed for binding at the end where the Number stands. The Numbers are to be wrought in the Paper itself, the upper denoting the Volume from whence the Bill is taken & the lower the Series of the Bill. Mr. Henley's Sketch I think very ingenious but if either of them is adopted I should think the words "Five Pounds" had better be omitted as we may have occasion for Bills of various Denominations, the word Pound may be used so as to stand in the Singular or by adding "s" to be turned into the plural Number, the Time of passing the Act and the Signers Names to be blank, to be filled up with a Pen. I do not mean by sending these Samples to restrain you to one of the other of them but rather wish you to consult the most skillful men in London and that you would be guided by them. I need not tell you that in a Case of this sort they should be Gentlemen of unquestionable Characters and such as cannot be imposed upon, by Journeymen Apprentices &c. Mr. Ingram has recommended to me Mr. John Ingram, his Brother in London, who I am told furnishes the Banks in Scotland with the Paper made use of there. I have desired Mr. Jas Ingram to write to his Brother on the Subject and he will probably apply to you. About twenty thousand Sheets will be enough for our Purpose and the sooner they can be had the better. I should think it adviseable to have the original Press, with which the Paper is to be made, sent over with it not that I shall entertain any doubt of the Integrity of

the Person you may think fit to employ but for the Satisfaction of the Public. As to myself I can say with great Truth that I should never desire to see any Paper Money if we could possibly do without it. The Step lately taken by our Assembly was absolutely necessary as there is almost a total Stop put to the Circulation of Money. Indeed our Gold & Silver is not free from Counterfeits, I have too much Reason to fear there is a good deal of each in the Circle.



James River Bank - Issue of 1773 - £3 note. Note number 6387 from book number 64. Note "Indented" end at left and handwritten terms of redemption.



The special back printing was added as a warning to counterfeiters.

Nicholas knew that the Treasury notes could be obtained in England, however, it would be many months before they could reach Virginia. What could he do to relieve the situation until the new notes arrived? Some years before a group of Virginia merchants led by Colonel Thomas Tabb planned to establish a private bank in Virginia called the James River Bank — a project which was not permitted by the Crown. As Nicholas pointed out in his

letter, bank notes had been printed but never used. While waiting for the new notes from England, Nicholas decided to use these well printed forms which could not be easily counterfeited. They did require a bit of alteration—a special back print was added showing the denomination and the timely warning "Death to Counterfeit." The face of the note had to be reworked by hand, with all inappropriate text being enclosed in parentheses and the correct wording added in by hand. Just try to imagine an issue of Treasury notes numbering many thousands—all having to be altered and reworked by hand. These James River Bank forms were usable in an emergency, and helped to supply the need for a secure Treasury note issue until the regular notes could be procured from England.

John Norton acted swiftly to carry out Nicholas' request for the new Treasury notes, while also finalizing plans for the coining of the new copper Halfpence. In a letter to his son in Virginia, dated May 29, 1773, Norton reported "I have been much employed lately in getting some copper plates made for Paper Curry, which I flatter myself will answer the purpose better than any they have yet had, have sent Mr. Nicholas a part, and the rest will be ready very soon. I have just rec'd the Kings warrant for Copper Coinage, which hope will now meet no more delays. I have danced attendance pretty often about it to the Treasury Office." Apparently the first shipment of notes had arrived in Virginia prior to July 30, 1773, as indicated in a letter from Nicholas to John Norton dated July 30 - "I have received your several late favours with the Sample of paper and the parcel sent by Mr. Mills; but the Captain has not yet sent me the Case; I suppose he is waiting for a safer conveyance, then may have yet offer'd. I like the paper exceedingly and the copper plate impressions are nicely executed; it's a pity that Virginia wrought in the grain of the paper had not been made plainer; it is hardly legible in the samples. I have received tho' I have my hopes that these were the first essays and that the word will appear plainer in the rest. Perhaps after all, the exceeding thinness of the paper would not admit of its being better done." As a post script to the same letter, Nicholas apparently enclosed a sample of the James River Bank form, with an explanation of the way they were being reworked. "You'll observe from the sample of paper sent that it was peculiarly adopted to the James River Bank; I have thrown all the superfluous words into parenthesis, as a mark that they are not to be read, tho they may stand as so many checks in the Bill."

These new Treasury notes were indeed better than any of the previous Virginia Treasury note issues. The copper plates were engraved by Harry Ashby of London and printed in England on the special English laid paper watermarked "Virginia" in large letters. The central design contained the Colonial Coat of Arms for Virginia — a feature common to all previous Virginia Treasury note issues except for the emergency James River Bank forms. These notes, as well as the James River Bank forms, were called "indented" bills. The left end of each note originally had a stub showing the number of the note, and just to the right of this stub a special and very intricate scrollwork design. The notes were bound together in books of 100



Regular Issue of 1773. This note was printed in England on special paper watermarked "VIRGINIA". The warning to counterfeiters appears along the left end as a part of the "Indent". Each note was endorsed by Robert Carter Nicholas on the back.

notes—the serial number showing both the book number and the note number. The top portion of the serial number indicated the book number, and the bottom number was the note number. When issued, these notes were removed from the books by cutting along an irregular line through the scroll work. This "indented" end could always be matched up to the stub in the book for verification of its authenticity.

While the new notes were well received in Virginia, there was still some concern for their security, as shown in a letter from Nicholas to John Norton,

dated Sept. 10, 1773 -

The paper, for our new Currency, wch. you were pleased to send me, is universally admired; but Mr. James Ingram says I mistook him in the Coat of Arms; that he proposed to have it impress'd with a dry stamp, & wishes earnestly to have it still done, as he thinks it easily may, on some part of the Bill; the expense of the Machine he says will be trifling. If you & yr. Friends are of the same Opinion, as I would wish to give the Notes every possible Security, I beg the favr. of you to procure the proper Instrument & send it over with full & necessary Directions; the Impression may be the Virga. Arms in Miniature or any other Device you like better. I shall write more fully by Capt. Robertson & am, Dr. Sirs.

Yr. affte. hble, Servt. Ro. C. Nicholas

one material point to be consider'd is, whether the paper will bear the dry Stamp without being injured; this you may easily have tried.

Apparently the dry stamp impression device did not prove practical, for it was not used on any notes seen.

As the older issues began to flow back to the Treasury, the counterfeit notes were weeded out, and confidence began to return. One problem remained — as the number of Treasury notes in circulation dwindled, the want of a circulating currency in sufficient quantities for the business of the Colony became more and more acute, as pointed out in another letter from Nicholas to John Norton dated Oct. 15, 1773 — "The means of making Remittances seem to grow more difficult every day; and tho, there is such a Fuss made by some of our Patriots about what little Paper Money we have remaining, I think the time is not very distant, when they and all others will be glad to make and scrape every Dirty Bill that has the appearance of money."

Relations between the House of Burgesses and Governor Dunmore continued to deteriorate in 1774. John Murray, Earl of Dunmore had arrived in Virginia in September, 1771, as the new Royal Governor — a post he was tempermentally unfit to handle during these tense and trying times. Trade had improved after the repeal of most of the repressive taxes, however, that token tax on tea remained. On March 4, 1773, the House of Burgesses appointed a committee of Correspondence and Inquiry for the purpose of keeping the colonies and their friends informed and cooperative in the troubled time ahead. The first Continental Congress met in Philadelphia in the fall of 1774, with Peyton Randolph as its first President, and in March of 1775 a special Virginia Convention was convened at Richmond to ratify the actions taken in Philadelphia. Relations with Dunmore rapidly began to deteriorate. In March, Dunmore warned the Virginia delegates not to attend the next Continental Congress in Philadelphia, and on April 21, 1775, he had the gunpowder removed from the public magazine at Williamsburg and placed on board an armed British ship. A group of Virginians, led by Patrick Henry, threatened to march on Williamsburg and besiege the Governor, however, a confrontation was avoided when Dunmore agreed to compensation for the gunpowder. Other incidents followed, and on the night of June 8, Dunmore secretly left Williamsburg and went aboard the HMS "Fowey" in the York River.

The Virginia Convention of July 17, 1775 considered ways to raise urgently needed funds for the tremendous expenditures which were to come. The Treasurer was authorized to issue Treasury notes amounting to £350,000, with the provision that there were to be 50,000 notes each of 2s-6d and 1s-3d denomination printed on a new type of paper and of a new design which would offer the best possible protection against counterfeiting.

Robert Carter Nicholas' nightmare had returned! Conditions were different now — shots had been fired, and the Colonies were rapidly gearing up for the war which could not be avoided. His old friend John Norton could

no longer help with supplies from England. There would be no more fancy plates prepared by the London engravers — no more fine English water-marked paper. Some paper had been made in Virginia on a limited scale, however, Virginia had always relied on the paper makers of England for most of their supplies.

There were several printing presses in Virginia, and Nicholas had reason to fear that they would be in jeopardy when war came. In September, 1775, Dunmore had the press of the "Virginia Gazette, or the Norfolk Intelligencer" seized and taken aboard the ship "William," where he later issued his own newspaper which he called "The Virginia Gazette." It is interesting to note that the other 3 papers in the Colony were printed in Williamsburg, and each was named "The Virginia Gazette."



First type of note issued by Ordinance of the Convention of July 17, 1775. Text of each note had to be filled in by hand.

The Ordinance of July 17, 1775 also directed Nicholas to issue the remaining notes over and above the 100,000 small denomination notes on those same old familiar forms used for the emergency 1773 issue. One can well imagine Nicholas' thoughts as he anticipated having to sign all those notes, as he had done in 1773, and all those notes which would again have to be filled in by hand. The remaining supply of the large Ashby notes were first used. The wording of the text on these notes was no longer appropriate, so the terms of issue were written in by hand, with inappropriate wording being enclosed in parenthesis. The supply of these notes was limited but there were still plenty of those familiar James River Bank forms to rely on — or so he had been told by John Tabb, son of Thomas Tabb who had origin-

ally procured them for the intended private bank. Out came the James River notes again, and one can imagine the clerks filling them in by hand, day after day, with Nicholas having to sign each one. This time the printed portion was left intact, and the entire text was written in by hand. Another shortcut was taken — the backs were left blank without being overprinted as in 1773.



James River Issue of 1775. £12 note. All text for this issue had to be filled in by hand, however backs were left blank. This is the last issue of notes signed by Robert Carter Nicholas.

There were not as many of the James River notes as he had been told, and the paper for the other small notes could not be found. A letter dated Nov. 10, 1775 from Nicholas to Thomas Jefferson in Philadelphia shows the state of the Virginia Treasury in late fall of 1775—

I had wrote to the late Speaker before he left Virginia desiring that he would take the earliest Opportunity of procuring Paper &c. for the small Notes, viz' 50,000 @ 2/6 and 50m. @ 1/3 as our Ordinance directs. The Design of the Convention was that the Paper with proper Plates should be sent, that the Money might be struck here, which Gentlemen supposed would give us an additional Security against Counterfeits. By his Letter to me I understood that the Business was in great forwardness and I am in Daily Expectation of receiving the Bills, which are much wanted for small Change. This was not all; we hoped from Mr. Tabb's Account that there would have been Paper enough of the James River Bank kind to make the full Emission; but he was exceedingly mistaken. When I came to examine it I found it short at least £200,000 allowing many of the Bills to be larger than I would chuse or than will be convenient. I am by the Ordinance restricted to the Use of certain kinds of Paper, so that no other can be issued without the Sanction of a future Convention. Under this Difficulty I consulted with our Committee of Safety, who thought with me that it would be most adviseable to en-

deavour to procure a sufficient Quantity of proper Paper &c. at Philadelphia, as this Country will not furnish it. This was in part the Subject of my last Letters to the Speaker. I did not confine him to particular Denominations, as I wish'd him to consult with the best Judges and supposed he would, being on the Spot. be best able to fix the Matter with them in the most proper Manner. I desired that a Proportion of Bills might be small and now see a greater Necessity for this, than when I wrote. Large Bills will be of no Use to the Soldiers. To have a great Number of small ones will make the Paper come dearer, but this will be nothing compared to the Advantage of having the Money made most convenient to the Holders. I have thought of the following Denominations, viz' 100,000 @ 10s/, 100,000 @ 5s/, 20,000 @ £5, and 25,000 @ 20s/. The sooner this Paper can be had the better, as it will be speedily wanted. Indeed, if our Disturbances continue over the Year I do not know what further Quantity may be necessary. Perhaps it might be better to engage more, but I have no Authority to do it. Excuse me for distinguishing, but I must again tell you that the Paper for the 100,000 small Bills is immediately wanted; the rest as soon as possible. One great Difficulty I labour under is to procure proper Money to defray Expenses in other Provinces. It is to be wish'd that the Congress could do something to give our Paper a general Currency and this I should think might be done by establishing an Exchange for the continental Money, a considerable part of which, I understand, is issued upon our Credit, and surely this must be equally good for our own. Besides it is expected, and I think with the greatest Reason, that a just Proportion of the Expenses incurr'd for the necessary Defence of this Country will be made a continental Charge. I presume that Many Merchants of Philadelphia must have Money Matters to transact here; it would be most convenient to us if Money could be had there by Drafts upon me to be paid in Virga. Currency; I mean Paper, as Specie is grown so scarce that I can't undertake Payments in that. If the Paper desired for emitting our Money cannot be had on other Terms I will give my Bills for it; tho' this I would wish to avoid, if possible.

God grant us Success and an happy Issue to your Deliberations. I am constantly interrupted and can only add that I am Yr. Affte. Friend & Servt..

Ro. C. Nicholas

The situation was becoming more and more critical as shown in a portion of a letter dated November 25, 1775 from Nicholas to the Virginia Delegates in the Continental Congress. The last two sentences show quite well Nicholas' feelings about these seemingly endless Treasury note issues —

I beg leave to refer you to my Letters to the Speaker and Mr. Jefferson respecting the Paper for our Treasury Notes. That for 2/6 and 1/3 Bills I am exceedingly in want of; my Office is almost drain'd of Silver and it is most essential to the Credit of our Money that People should be accommodated with small Notes for the Convenience of Change. The rest of the Paper, wanted to supply the Deficiency of the Quantity I Expected from Mr. Tabb, There will very soon be Occasion for; the earlier I can get it the better. Indeed, if our Troubles continue, I don't see how we can do without still a larger Quantity. I wish, with all my Soul, the Congress could hit on some happy Expedient to render a future Emission unnecessary. I am troubled and jaded with the present that it is my hearty wish to see no more of it.

By December 12, 1775, the paper had still not arrived from Philadelphia, so in another letter to the Virginia Delegate in Philadelphia, Nicholas repeated his previous request —

Referring you to a former Letter, in which amongst other Things, I mentioned the Necessity we should be under of having a large Quantity of Paper to make up the Sum of Money voted by the last Convention, besides the 2/6 and 1/3 penny Bills, which I have immediate Occasion for, I must repeat my request that the whole may be provided and forwarded with all Expedition. The Committee of Safety writes also upon this Subject. I sent Mr. Jefferson a List of Denominations, which appear'd to me most proper; having no Copy, I have endeavour'd to recollect it in the inclosed Memo. You can hardly conceive how people are distress'd for want of small change. I have no doubt but every Care will be taken to guard the Money against Forgeries. You have an Opportunity of consulting superior Judges and there I do not presume to prescribe.

No better description of the Treasury office condition can be found than in the most interesting post-script to the letter — "If the Paper does not arrive soon, I must shut up Shop,"

The paper finally did arrive, as indicated by the following notice from Purdie's "The Virginia Gazette" for January 26, 1776 — "The paper for issuing the Small Treasury Notes is just arrived from Philadelphia, and they will be ready in about a fortnight." It is unclear whether the plates were prepared locally, or whether they, too, were prepared in Philadelphia. One indication that the plates for our first "Independent Treasury Notes" were prepared in Virginia can be found in a letter from John Page to the Speaker of the House of Delegates, dated Oct. 7, 1776 —

"Hon'ble Sir:

As Mr. Wythe and myself who were appointed by the late hon'ble Convention to superintend the engraving of the Seal of the Commonwealth and to take care that the same should be properly executed, finding it impracticable to procure an Engraver in this State, those who were in any manner qualified for such an undertaking being engaged in engraving Plates for the Paper Money, have been under the necessity of employing proper Persons to execute this Business in Philadelphia."



Twenty Shillings small note issued by Ordinance of Convention of July 17, 1775. The denomination is incorrectly spelled "FOWR" Crowns at right. For want of these notes Nicholas almost had to "shut up shop". This note was signed by John Hatley Norton, son of John Norton who procured the large Treasury notes from England and arranged for the coining of the Virginia Halfpenny.

Nicholas did not have to "shut up Shop" as he had feared. The new Treasury notes were finally printed, and the signing and issuing process was beginning all over again — at least he would not have to sign each individual note as he had done with all the previous issues since 1773. The new notes were printed on a thick coarse paper containing blue fibers and mica flakes.



Twelve shillings - six pence, issued by Ordinance of Convention of May 6, 1776. Printed on the special thick paper from Philadelphia, this was the last issue to display the Virginia Colonial Coat of Arms.

As with most previous issues the main design feature was the old Colonial Coat of Arms — indicating the hope that there was still some chance of a reconciliation with England.

Shortly after these new notes started to enter circulation, the Virginia Convention authorized an additional Treasury note issue to be dated May 6, 1776, not to exceed £100,000. This issue was unusual in a number of ways — for the first time dollar denominations were to be used, as well as the old familiar pounds - shillings - pence denominations used for so many years. The new thick paper was used again for this issue, and perhaps due to the delay which would be required to design and engrave new and different designs, the old designs and the old Colonial Coat of Arms were re-arranged into new plates for the pounds - shillings - pence denominations.



Five Dollar note issued by Ordinance of Convention of May 6, 1776. This was the first dollar denomination issued in Virginia, and the first to show the newly designed seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The dollar denominations were completely different in design. For the first time the new Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia appeared on Virginia Treasury notes. At the date of authorization, the new seal had not yet been designed. On the first day of July the Virginia Convention appointed Richard Henry Lee, George Mason, Robert Carter Nicholas, and George Wythe a committee "to devise a proper seal for the Commonwealth." The committee report was presented to the Convention on July 5, 1776, so the plates for these new designs could not have been started before that day. The resulting delay in preparation of the new plates brought about an all too familiar crisis. An interesting account of the state of the Treasury and of the new dollar denomination notes can be found in an entry in the Journal of the Council of the State of Virginia dated August 1, 1776—

"It appearing that the Public Treasury is at present in an exhausted state owing to the delay in getting ready the Dollar Bills lately ordered by Convention to be struck, and that there is a considerable sum of Continental Money deposited with the

Treasurer by the Congress for the purpose of exchanging the same for Gold and silver which on Trial is found to be impracticable, Ordered therefore that the Treasurer be requested to pay any warrant which may be drawn by this Board, or the Navy Board during the present situation of the Treasury out of the said Continental money to be replaced hereafter; and that he be informed at the same Time, that the Council will issue as few warrants as may be, until the Treasury can be restored to a better Condition."

By the time the dollar denomination notes of the May 6 authorization were ready for circulation, the costs of Independence required additional funds. By Act of Assembly of Oct. 7, 1776 an additional sum of Treasury notes not to exceed £400,000 was authorized in the event Nicholas was unable to borrow the needed funds elsewhere. Designs for this issue were quite similar to the dollar denominations of the May issue, and the paper used was the same thick fiber paper.



Eight Dollar note issued by Act of the Assembly dated October 7, 1776. This was the first series of notes authorized by the newly formed Virginia General Assembly, and the last issue authorized while Robert Carter Nicholas was Treasurer.

Robert Carter Nicholas was now faced with a new problem. For ten years he had served as Treasurer of Virginia — a period troubled by Treasury mismanagement by his predicessor, by severe counterfeiting problems, and now by the necessity of raising large quantities of money for the defense of the new Commonwealth of Virginia. While serving as Treasurer, he had also served in the House of Burgesses, and in all the Revolutionary Conventions, however, the new Constitution of Virginia declared that paid officers of the Commonwealth could not be elected as members of either House of Assembly. The desire to continue his membership in the new House of Delegates, and the prospect of unending new issues of those familiar Treasury notes prompted his resigning as Treasurer effective at the end of the General

Assembly session of 1776.

The new Treasurer of Virginia, George Webb, officially became Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 17, 1777. At least Webb inherited a Treasury department free of scandal, with accounts in perfect order. That was the way Robert Carter Nicholas operated.

### Richard Jones

Note from the Editor . . .

Richard Jones is our present secretary-treasurer and a very dedicated member of VNA, holding Life Membership No. 2. Richard is a long time collector and specializes in items that have a connection with the Old Dominion.

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# First Martyn To American Independence

By Lawrence K. Chavis

During this Bicentennial year, I feel it fitting that we turn back the pages of history. In turning back these pages, our memories of those who have made significant contributions and supreme sacrifices are refreshed. It is in this context that I call to your attention the supreme price that was paid by a courageous and gallant man, Crispus Attucks, in Boston, Massachusetts in 1770.

It began in Massachusetts — and it ended in Virginia. It took almost eight long and bitter years — and it pitted British Americans against British Englishmen. The cost in treasure was dear and in blood, terrible. But in the end, it was worth it.

For, between the rain-swept night of December 17, 1773, and the dusty Autumn afternoon of October 19, 1781, a new nation was forged in revolution — the greatest free nation the world has ever known. And the course of that long struggle — from the Boston Tea Party to the Surrender at Yorktown — is marked, like milestones, by a number of unforgettable events that shaped the destiny of America.

As far back as the early 1760's, the colonists of British America were growing increasingly discontended with their mistreatment at the hands of the mother country — and so they seldom passed up an opportunity to twist the royal lion's tail. <sup>1</sup>

One such episode resulted in man to man confrontation ending tragically in Boston during the later winter of 1770 with several gallant young Americans dead and a number wounded. (That unhappy affair is remembered as "The Boston Massacre.) On March 5, 1770, Crispus Attucks was felled by a musket — becoming the first martyr to American Independence.

The following quotation is taken from the ANCS Newsletter:

When Crispus Attucks was born in Massachusetts around 1723, black slavery had already become firmly entrenched in Colonial America. The first blacks who were brought to Jamestown, Virginia in 1619 were indentured servants and like many whites, would be given their liberty after a specified period of time.

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However, as the labor needs increased in the colonies, a system of "perpetual servitude" began to emerge. Whites were unsuitable as slaves because they shared their master's religion and heritage, and their similar physical appearance made escape a simple matter. Indians also proved unadaptable to slavery. Many died in bondage, and escapes were frequent since the indigenous Indians could flee to the sanctuary of the wilderness or their tribe.



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But blacks, unfamiliar with the land and language, accustomed to agricultural life and hot humid weather, and distinguishably darker in skin color, were ideally suited for the slave labor needed to clear forests and cultivate plantation crops.

Accordingly, after 1660, statutes permanently enslaving blacks appeared in the colonies. The Negro population swelled substantially as the dealing in human flesh became a lucrative business.

Despite the important part religion played in the life of Puritan New England, the slave trade was essential to the economic life of that area.

New Englanders engaged in a profitable triangular trade, sending their ships first to Africa, then to the West Indies or the Southern Colonies, and then back to their home ports. Boston, Newport, Salem, Providence and New London were busy loading rum, fish, and other goods while unloading Negroes, molasses, and sugar.

While most slaves were shipped South where life was extremely harsh, Crispus Attucks lived in the North where bondsmen were treated with a degree of humaneness. Most Northern slaves worked with their masters as opposed to working for them, and many were given a measure of freedom.

Despite this relatively humanitarian treatment, slaves frequently ran away, preferring total liberty to even the mildest slavery. Among these fugitive slaves was Crispus Attucks who, at age 27, escaped from William Browne at Framingham, Massachusetts. Browne entered a description of Attucks in the Boston Gazette on October 2, 1750, and offered a reward for his return. Attucks eluded capture and became a sailor, finding anonymity in the hustle and bustle of Boston docks. A runaway like Crispus Attucks could work and live in Boston where free blacks were not unusual.

Although there is no record of Crispus Attuck's activity over the next two decades, the change in British Colonial policy in 1763 sparked the flame of rebellion in America which was to culminate in Attuck's fateful reentry into American history. Previously, the legislation that controlled colonial commerce had not been strictly enforced, but with the ascendency of the new British monarch George III, Britain burdened the colonials with several "intolerable" laws which threatened their economic and political freedom. The Writs of Assistance permitted the British to search homes for smuggled goods, and the Stamp Act of 1765 was imposed to finance the garrison of English troops needed to keep the protesting colonials in check.

Concurrent with this threat to freedom came the diffusion of the philosophy of Enlightenment with its tenets of humanity's rights. Colonials seized upon the writing of John Locke and Jean Jacques Roussea which spoke of man's right to life, liberty, and property, therein finding justification for the rebellion to English hegemony.

As the revolutionary philosophy spread rapidly among the colonists, the paradox of their situation soon became apparent. They were at once the oppressed and the oppressor. While demanding their rights to liberty, they found themselves condoning or actively participating in the enslavement of a whole race. Soon, the proponents of rebellion linked the plight of Negroes with their own struggle. Men like Benjamin Rush, Thomas Paine, Benjamin Franklin, and James Otis decried the inconsistency of slavery and democratic ideals. Many Negroes, Crispus Attucks probably among them, hopefully coupled the impending struggle for independence with their own emancipation and the end of the slave trade in America.

Boston, the busiest colonial port, was most affected by the economic subordination demanded by England's Navigation Acts. All trade, imports and exports, had to be channelled through England. Only British ships could haul Colonial goods, and these

vessels had to be manned almost entirely by British sailors.

Crispus Attucks, being a seaman, must have bitterly resented the restrictions imposed by these Navigation Acts, and like Samuel Adams and his Sons of Liberty, was ready to engage in the type of protest that the British government would best understand.

The quartering of British soldiers in their city was the source of increasing irritation for the citizens of Boston, and by January, 1770, several bloody incidents had developed from confrontations between colonials and the British forces. In February of that year, these incidents became more frequent. When soldiers brawled with Bostonians on March 2, the tension reached feverish proportions.

Finally, on Monday, March 5, 1770, the Boston streets were filled with boisterously defiant citizens itching for a skirmish. When a youth exchanged words with a sentry, he was butted with the guard's musket. Rumors of the run-in were broadcast through the streets, and a large and virulent mob quickly formed in the Dock Square area of the city.

Then, a tall black man appeared, and with a cordwood club in his raised hand, he shouted, "The way to get rid of these soldiers is to attack the main guard. Strike at the nest!" Suddenly, Crispus Attucks had assumed leadership and given direction to the meandering crowd.

Down Boyleston's Alley they followed Attucks, and when they arrived at a small square near the Custom House, they faced some British troops under the command of Captain Tom Preston. Attucks, again seizing command, pressed the patriots forward, "Don't be afraid, they dare not fire," the black man's voice boomed. Then, in the anger of the moment, a musket sounded and Attucks fell. More shots rang out, and when the strife subsided, three more American colonists lay dead. With the shedding of the blood of these patriots, the War for American Independence began.

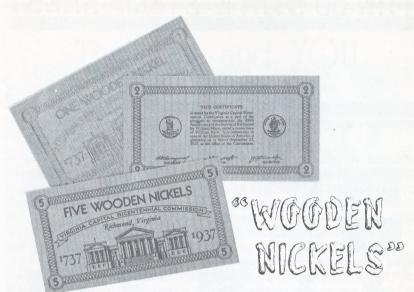
The freedom and equality for which Crispus Attucks gave his life were to be denied his own race, but America can never ignore that the "first to defy, and the first to die" at the Boston Massacre was a black man.<sup>2</sup>

Lawrence K. Chavis

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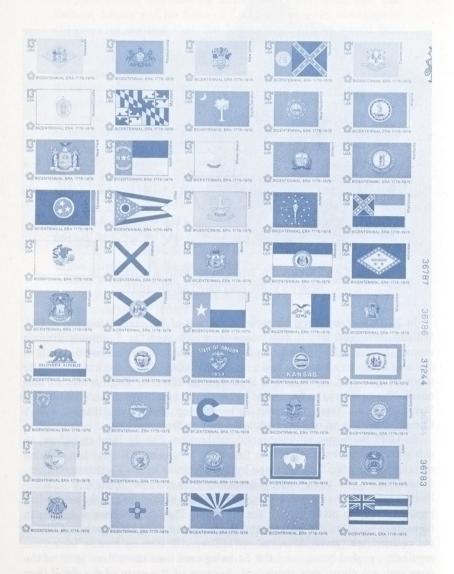
FLAT "WOODEN NICKELS" FOR RICHMOND SURVEY BICENTENNIAL IN 1937

In 1737 William Mayo surveyed a portion of the land belonging to Col. William Byrd and laid it out into lots, which sold for 7 pounds Virginia money, to found Richmond. There had previously been small settlements in the area at Shoke's Landing and a mill at the falls of the James but no specific town or city. Col. Byrd named it Richmond after the English city of that name. The area involved was that between the present 17th Street and 25th Street, and ran from the river up to the top of Church Hill. St. John's Church was built on one of the lots further up from the river.

In 1937 there was a bicentennial celebration, chiefly local in nature, to celebrate the anniversary of the founding. It was at this time the wooden rectangular "nickels" were issued by the Virginia Capital Bicentennial Commission and were, for a time, redeemable at face value in the city. It is unlikely that they ever saw much circulation, for they were chiefly souvenirs probably sold to make money for the event. The ones we have seen were in three denominations (1, 2 and 5 nickels) similar in design but each in a different colored ink (green, blue and red). They still turn up locally with some regularity, probably more of the  $5\phi$  being seen than the others. Most of the ones seen are clean, new specimens. Because of the grain of the wood they are easily broken. Up to the present time they have been sold by dealers as interesting local novelties rather than as numismatic tokens.

(We wish to thank Page Mann for the specimens shown here and James A. Johnson, Jr. for the information concerning the celebration.)

## THE 50 STATE STAMP SHEET



The Postal Service puts out various commemorative stamps during the year, but the recent statehood issue was one of the more colorful ones. Each state is shown in the order of its' admission to the Union. Do you remember where Virginia comes?

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## The ANA and YOU

JOHN JAY PITTMAN, A.N.A. Governor and Past President

In 1976, while the U.S.A. is celebrating its Bicentennial, the American Numismatic Association, with over 30,000 members worldwide, is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Founded in 1891 by Dr. George F. Heath, a country doctor, the ANA has grown from a small group of dedicated collectors to the largest national numismatic organization in the world. In 1912 the ANA was granted a 50-year federal charter from the U.S. Congress. This charter was renewed in perpetuity by an act of Congress on April 12, 1962.

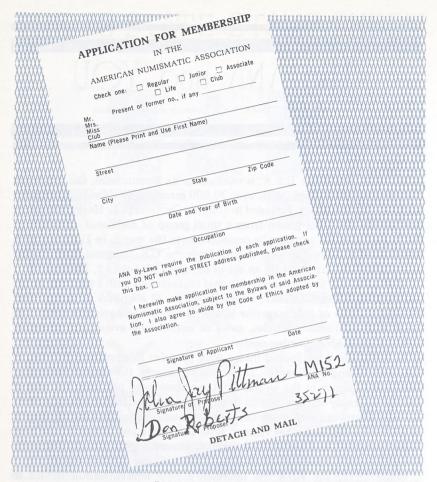
The ANA is a non-profit educational organization with a monthly publication, THE NUMISMATIST, which is sent to all members as part of their dues. Each issue of this magazine is well illustrated and averages about 240 pages with numismatic articles, news of numismatic events and advertisements of only ANA member dealers.

In 1967, the ANA moved into a fully paid for Headquarters building in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This building houses the largest circulating numismatic library in the world. ANA members need pay only the cost of postage to enjoy the use of this library. Part of the Headquarters building contains a museum with many thousands of numismatic items for the benefit of ANA members and other visitors. Both the library and museum have been largely acquired and maintained through generous gifts from ANA members and friends. Incidentally, all gifts to the ANA are tax deductible.

Since 1971, the ANA has operated a coin authentication service in Washington, D.C., where coins may be sent for expert certification.

There are many other advantages of ANA membership. If you are interested, please write to our ANA Headquarters, P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO 80901, for a free copy of "Advantages of ANA Membership". This pamphlet lists and explains 37 reasons for belonging to the ANA. You may also obtain a membership application from ANA Headquarters, or you may wish to use the one accompanying this article. If you wish to join the ANA, I will be glad to sponsor you.

The ANA is holding its 85th Anniversary Convention in New York City August 24-29, 1976, at the Americana Hotel. Members and non-members are welcome. There is no registration or admission charge. It is expected that this will be the largest and best ANA convention ever held. Why not come and celebrate with fellow collectors in one of the officially designated Bicentennial cities - where George Washington took the oath of office as First President of the United States of America! SEE YOU IN NEW YORK!

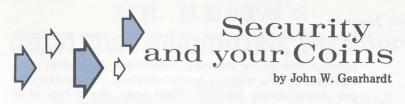


#### JOHN JAY PITTMAN

John Jay Pittman is the only ANA President born, reared and educated in the South (born in Virginia, educated in North Carolina). Many of his forebears were living in Virginia and North Carolina before the American Revolution.

Pittman was instrumental in having the ANA charter renewed in perpetuity by Congress in 1962. He was one of the main forces in the establishment of the ANA Certification Service in 1971. He was also a leader in working for the passage of the 1973 Federal Hobby Protection Act which regulates numismatic replicas and requires that they be marked "COPY" and country of origin if not the U.S.A.

At present John is serving as a member of the ANA Board of Governors and is responsible for all ANA finances. He is hard at work raising money to help establish an ANA Coin and Paper Money Grading Board.



In this our bicentennial celebration year, let us for a few minutes think of ourselves as the American patriots (our forefathers) and the King of England (who wanted to keep our forefathers under English rule and steal from them by taxes, etc.), as the thieves of today who will steal and take away our coin possessions. Our forefathers wanted SECURITY from this. They were willing and did fight back. Are we willing today to fight back? If your answer is yes, then the next question is HOW?

Just what is security? Security means making "profits" secure. Your individual profit (things gained as the fruits of your work over and above taxes, etc.) is spent on your numismatic collection. So you want your collection secure and free from theft or loss from any means.

Stop for a minute and think. A house fire can also destroy a numismatic collection, just as quickly as a thief . . . .

Security is your responsibility. YOU must fight back by taking a few precautions that are available within your means.

### One: Inventory

- listing serial numbers of the rarer paper money
- photographs of the more expensive individual pieces of your silver and gold
- a complete listing / showing grade and any special identification on the coin (a particular type of a "chop mark" found on crown and trade dollars)

## Two: Safe deposit boxes

only expose the limited part of your collection to the items that you are currently working with. Replace them in the bank vault as soon as completed - The cost of one or more safe deposit boxes (tax deductible) is small compared to the value of your entire collection. A small <a href="https://hitelign.com/hitelign.

Three: Insurance

Most insurance policies are not designed to cover numismatic losses. You can protect yourself in the event of loss by policy coverage through the American Numismatic Association offering. Some of these require a special inventory . . . . see item one/ you should already have this. Most home owners type of insurance only cover MONEY loss to FACE value not to exceed \$100. Read your policy and then take steps to protect yourself. Contact your own insurance agent for information. He will assist you in this.

Four: Other

Home alarm systems, security patrol by private agencies and other elaborate means of protection are available, but not within the cost factor that we (the average coin col.) Expend.... If you have the means, these are things to consider. Training for yourself in the use of a firearm. Obtaining the proper legal authority to possess and carry the weapon (after training) can also be considered.

I have listed here only a few of the things that you can do to protect yourself and your "profit". Many of us are careless. We don't think it can happen to us. We leave our coins laying around. Display them in unlocked cases. Leave them <u>unattended</u> (MR Dealer take notice) on tables at coin shows. Just leave for a second to get a snack to eat. That's all the time a sneak thief wants.... don't bother to tell the show security officer that you must leave before the show ends. You walk to your vehicle carrying your cases of coins with no guard protection. That is what the show security people are there for. Communicate....

Security is YOU.... Your responsibility .... Your problem .... For those of us in the security field, we plead with you to help us to help you.. Just your doing a few of the things described in the preceding paragraphs will go a long way to STOP YOUR LOSS. Our forefathers fought and won.. Why can't we?

Note from the Editor . . .

John Gearhart is a long time member of VNA and for many years handled the security at our conventions. He presently is Chief of Security for Sears Roebuck in Newport News.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

"The gin shops and other houses where liquors have been heretofore retailed within or near the lines . . . . are strictly forbidden to sell any for the future to any soldier in the army." Washington eadeavors to discipline his army assembling in New York.

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# MR. HEATH'S Infallible Counterfeit Detectors

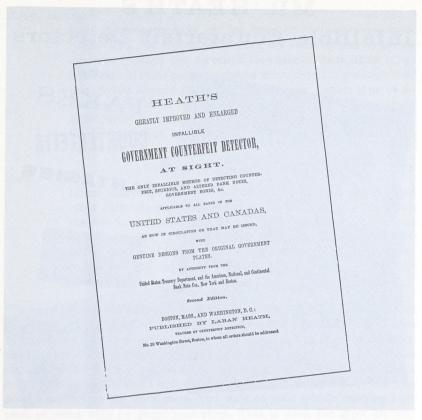


According to many reports, there was a time when about one third of the bank notes in circulation were counterfeit, but Uncle Sam's Treasury Department is very much "agin" this at the present time.

As a ragpicker, we run into samples of fakes, counterfeits and fantasies from time to time, but in the past several months an unusual number of odd ball material came to our attention.

For many years, bank note detectors or reporters were a standard item on the desk of any banker or person who handled or exchanged bank notes from circulation. We recently were fortunate to have an opportunity to see three from the collection of Charles Affleck - a pocket size, a banking or counting house size and one of the bond detectors showing United States Government securities, from the period 1866 to 1869. The small one showed the front and back of the one hundred dollar national bank note with the depiction of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence now seen on the newly issued two dollar note.

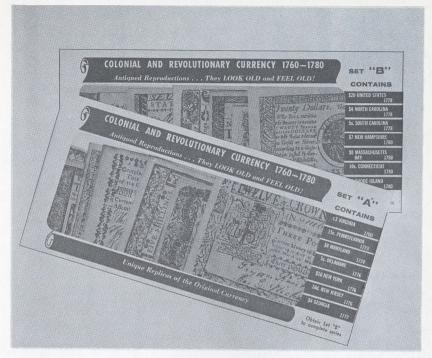
One Sunday some out of town friends called and asked us to meet them at the center in Williamsburg and have dinner together. While we were wait-



ing for them, we walked through the sales area and saw two envelopes containing antiqued reproductions of colonial and revolutionary currency - for 94 cents we got 14 of these genuine imitations! These are not marked as copies, and are probably for sale in such areas throughout the state. After they are removed from the envelopes and kept awhile, they are thought to be genuine notes by many uniformed persons.

A lady from Georgia sent in some faded photocopies of some rare notes she had in her possession, and wanted to know how much they were worth. They looked as if they might be some sort of a Confederate item, so we asked one of our members who collects Confederate material to look at them. He finally decided that it was a fantasy note, made from the design of a counterfeit Confederate note. Where the portrait was supposed to be in the lower left hand corner, a picture of an unknown man in a ten gallon hat was shown - then the same design note was shown in the front in green and on the back in black. He decided that it was what you might call a two-faced fantasy!

Then about two months ago one of the columnists in a national coin paper told of a recent instance he had been told about where a gentleman



from Korea was trying to get help from the United States government in having a one million dollar note from the Bank of the United States redeemed in gold, as called for on the face of the note. Do you reckon they would redeem the one we have in gold, too? Or perhaps we can get a million for the one issued for one million dollars in Confederate money in Atlanta in 1959?

When we went into the library a couple of weeks ago, the director of the library (who belongs to our local coin club) asked if we could help identify





a note that some one had brought in the day before and showed him. He did not leave the note, but it was described as having something to do with the Bank of the United States, with pictures of men on each end, and for a thousand dollars. When we showed him our old friend Number 8894, he said that looked like it - so we suggested that he tell the man to check the serial number and see if that was it.



Tell you what - for our regular friendly card game next Tuesday night after the club meeting, we'll open with a twenty dollar Confederate note of the lady riding a deer, and see you with a hundred dollar Virginia Treasury note dated 1606-1907! Or would you prefer a \$100 Ohio River Bank note?

## David Edley Spence



signer of

# The Lynchburg Small Notes of 1862

by Raymond H. Williamson

At the Lynchburg City Council meeting of May 8, 1862, David Edley Spence (Fig. 1) was authorized to sign and serially number "up to \$120,000" of the city's new small notes, for Council President John M. Speed. There were to be eight denominations, each under one dollar face value; the quantity of each was to be determined by Council's Finance Committee. For the onerous task of signing and numbering, Council agreed to pay Spence \$1.00 per 1000 notes. By July 25, about \$50,000 of the notes had been issued. At the City Council meeting of October 28, it was reported that the project was complete with \$72,418.60 face value of the notes having been issued into circulation by October 8, just over 60 percent of the authorized amount. 3,4

We may speculate that the City Treasurer often issued these notes as uncut sheets, to be cut apart by the purchaser. Precedent for the issuance of uncut sheets had been provided by the City of Richmond whose notes issued per their ordinance of April 19, 1861 had been much in demand. The Richmond Whig reported that "... to facilitate the exchange so eagerly sought for, the City Notes are handed over by sheets, and the receiver cuts them apart at his convenience." The Lynchburg small notes were paid for mainly in Confederate treasury notes, up to that time available only in denominations of \$5 or greater.

The eight authorized denominations of Lynchburg small notes included four reasonable face values of 10, 25, 50 and 75 cents — plus four highly unexpected values, all multiples of 15 cents; these were 15, 30, 60 and 90 cents. Thus a complete set of Lynchburg notes added up to \$3.55 face value. At the October 28 Council meeting, payment in full to Spence was authorized in the amount of \$649.41 for signing \$72,418.60 face value of



Fig. 1. David Edley Spence, Signer of the 162,352 Lynchburg Small Notes of 1862. (Photo reproduced by Courtesy of The Honorable O. Raymond Cundiff, Senior Judge of the Circuit Court at Lynchburg).

notes.<sup>3</sup>, <sup>4</sup> If we assume that the same number of each denomination were issued (approximately correct, but not exactly, as we shall see), the number of sets of eight notes would be \$72,418.60/\$3.55 or about 20,400 sets or 163,200 notes. At the promised \$1.00 per 1000 notes, Spence's work should have yielded a fee of only \$163.20 instead of the \$649.41 actually paid. The ratio of these two figures — \$649.41/\$163.20 is quite precisely four to one. This helps to validate the assumption (undocumented but highly probable) that, for reasons unknown, Spence actually was paid \$4.00 per 1000 for signing and numbering these notes rather than \$1.00 per 1000. He certainly earned it.

Let us see what others were paid for similar work. The figures are difficult to locate, but we find that the signers of early United States treasury notes (law of June 30, 1812) were paid \$12.50 per 1000 notes signed, but the law of February 24, 1815, reduced the fee to \$7.50 per thousand. In the fall of 1861, note-signing clerks at the Farmers Bank of Richmond were paid \$8.125 per 1000 notes (\$3.125 for signing plus \$5.00 for numbering). 7

The City of Richmond small-note ordinance of April 14, 1862 authorized payment of \$5.50 per 1000 notes (\$4.00 for signing plus \$1.50 for numbering); however, all of the signers later were paid a \$50-per-month bonus for their extra efforts during the three months they were signing the 1862 notes. Spence's promised fee of \$1.00 per 1000 notes and even his actual fee of \$4.00 per 1000 were substantially below any of these rates. Yes, Spence certainly earned his fee.

Only a few comments have come down to us on how boring and tiring such work really was. An Indiana bank president, Hugh McCulloch in 1856, shared his thoughts on the drudgery of note signing in this language: "No one who had not had a trial of it can have any conception of the unmitigated wearisomeness of signing one's name day after day and week after week. My self-imposed limit was . . . four thousand signatures a day. For a single day, even with a name as difficult as mine, this would not be a hard task; but to follow it for weeks and months, as I did in the autumn of 1856 would, if it were a punishment, be too inhuman to be inflicted upon the most guilty of criminals. The work however, irksome as it was, was performed . . . I was overwhelmed with work which only habits of industry and vigorous health enabled me to perform."9

A member of the Richmond City Council in a debate over fees for small-note signers on April 14, 1862, said he had "no doubt that the former Chamberlain was killed by requiring him to sign the small notes heretofore issued" in 1861 by the City. Another Council member said the same day that, in signing the Richmond small notes of 1861, the work "had occupied him six months and two weeks, to the almost total neglect of his private business." 10

The only data found on the actual time required to sign such material is concerned with the efforts of one Rosewell G. Rolston, who as President of The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of New York City in 1865, personally signed great numbers of their certificates. "When office hours were too short to accomplish the work which had been promised, (he took) to his own home bonds and stock certificates which it was necessary for him to sign, and there, in hours which should have been given to relaxation, he toiled without sparing himself, that his word of promise might be sacred . . . A record of his speed was kept, and it was proven that he wrote his signature seven hundred times an hour." That would be a signature produced every 5.1 seconds. 11

No counterfeit notes of the City of Lynchburg 1862 series are known, although there was a considerable variety of counterfeit paper in circulation there. One counterfeiter took some of the drudgery out of manual signing of his notes by choosing signers' names which were very short. In the summer of 1862, it was reported that a Lynchburg printer had produced \$13,500 face value of notes of \$2, \$3 and \$4 denominations on the Central Bank of Alabama for a man in nearby Liberty (now Bedford), Virginia. These notes were showing up in circulation signed by "B. Bon" as President and "C. Cam" as Cashier. 12





Fig. 2. Samples of the "David E. Spence" and "D.E. Spence" Signatures on Lynchburg Small Notes. The Longer Signature was used on the Earlier Sheets of the Six Lower Denominations up through Approximately Serial 838; all Other Notes were Signed Thereafter and carry the Shorter Signature "D.E. Spence."

Our legitimate Lynchburg signer, David Edley Spence, found a way to save energy and ink in his case, also. At first he signed all notes on a sheet "David E. Spence," but after about serial number 838 all notes were signed "D.E. Spence." (Fig. 2). The only known sheet of Lynchburg notes (Fig. 3) includes one note each of the six lower denominations, 10 cents through 60 cents. The 75-cent and 90-cent notes must have been printed (probably in sheets of two) at a little later time, because even the earliest serial numbers appear only with the short signature "D.E. Spence."

The edges of the unique surviving sheet of six notes show plainly that it is a complete sheet. Since all notes on this sheet bear the same serial number -16849 — we have quite good confirmation of the concept that if an error was made in signing or numbering a note, the entire sheet was scrapped and the serial number reused on a "good" sheet. Further confirmation of this idea is given by the language of the enabling ordinance of May 8, 1862: "The notes shall be so numbered as to indicate exactly the number of each denomination issued . . ." How else could such a record be kept in any reasonable manner?

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All signed Lynchburg notes were issued. 4 We can zero in on the exact number of each denomination issued by charting the highest observed serial number on each of the two types of sheet to determine the general situation, and then resorting to algebraic calculation. The quest for the highest observed serial numbers has led the writer to record-keeping on nearly 1000 of these Lynchburg notes; over 0.6 percent of the entire issue. The highest observed serial number of the six-note sheet is 20,163 on a 25-cent note; and for the two-note sheet, serial 20,590 on a 90-cent note. Serial numbers for other denominations on each sheet run nearly as high. Thus, it turns out that in determining the exact number of notes issued, we must separately consider the sheets of six notes and the sheets of two notes, and we know that a few hundred more two-note sheets were issued. This general overview gives us confidence in the solution of a couple of algebraic equations, which determine that exactly 20,171 of the lower-denomination, six-note sheets were issued; and that exactly 20,663 of the higher-denomination, two-note sheets were processed. These issue figures may be checked by using them to determine the total dollar value of the issue (\$72,418.60), and the correct signing fee for Spence at \$4.00 per 1000 notes (\$649.41).

Thus lawyer David Edley Spence signed his name 162,352 times on issued currency during the hot Lynchburg summer of 1862 to earn his fee. If he had maintained the high speed reached by the New York City banker cited above, he could have finished this work in about 29 eight-hour days. This prolonged, repetitive effort must have been quite a traumatic experience for Spence, but the work was then considered as a vitally necessary and patriotic duty. Lynchburg people were reassured to see the signature of a respected local citizen at the bottom of each note; it seemed to give the note a personal guarantee of worth and acceptability in the marketplace. Such reasoning followed the practice learned in issuing bills of credit for the American Revolution, nearly a century earlier, about which Eric Newman tells us that "Manual signing of bills was done in ink as a protection against counterfeiting and as a control against printing or issuing more than was authorized. The number of signers depended on the authorizing legislation and bills were signed by up to as many as six persons . . . Sometimes lower denominations were signed only by one or two persons, while higher denominations were signed by more... There were over 275 signers of Continental Currency, so large a number rendering their signatures entirely worthless as a means of counterfeit detection by the public. Some signers even had other persons sign on their behalf without disclosing the amanuensis."13 In many different fields, southern participants in the War Between the States sought and followed precedents established in the earlier war; in some ways it was almost a "delayed video-tape replay" of the Revolution. 14 For example, the Revolutionary-era precedent of marking serial numbers in red ink was followed quite automatically during the Civil War period without legal requirement. It is interesting to note in passing that Lorenzo Norvell, a member of the Lynchburg Council's Finance Committee which promulgated the 1862 small notes, and his first cousin William Wiatt Norvell, the City Treas-



Fig. 3. The Only Known Surviving Sheet of Six Lynchburg Small Notes, in the Collection of the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society of St. Louis. The 75-Cent and 90-Cent Notes were Printed Later.

urer who passed the small notes through his wicket in exchange for Confederate treasury notes, had a kinsman William Norvell who was a signer of Virginia treasury notes of 1775.15

Our 1862 note signer, David Edley Spence, early in life had failed to follow the familiar advice "Go west, young man, go west," for he was already born "west" in Ohio in 1821 (of a Virginia family from Rockbridge County) and came east to Lynchburg at age 16.16 Elijah Fletcher, founder of Sweet Briar Plantation across the James River, wrote to his brother about young Spence in 1847: "I was in Lynchburg yesterday . . . conversing with your old friend David R. Edley . . . (who) took an amiable but rough boy from Ohio a few years ago, David Edley Spence, a nephew, educated him, who under the firm of Edley and Spence transacts the active business of the legal concern." 17

David E. Spence is particularly honored in Lynchburg as the first judge of the Lynchburg Corporation Court following the Civil War, beginning July 25, 1865. He was required by the military government to give up his judgeship in 1869. Before the War, he had been a member of the private banking firm of Peters, Spence and Campbell of New York City and Lynchburg. National banks were established in Lynchburg soon after the conclusion of hostilities; Judge Spence became the first Cashier of the First National Bank, and later President of the Lynchburg National Bank. 16 He accepted these positions with full knowledge that he might be required to sign his name to national bank notes during many more days of drudgery.

During the Civil War period, the Spences lived in a fine brick home at 807 Clay Street, then sometimes facetiously called "Spider Castle." It is still a handsome residence today. Judge Spence's financial reverses during the War were such that he had to sell his beautiful Clay Street home and lived for 35 years in "an old house at the foot of the hill" at 703 Church Street, then next door to Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. 16 Here he died in retirement July 1, 1891, a well-beloved Virginian of the old school who had served his community with distinction in many fields. After the funeral at Saint Paul's, he was buried in the Old Presbyterian Cemetery on Grace Street. 18 His signature is more often seen in Lynchburg than any man of his era.

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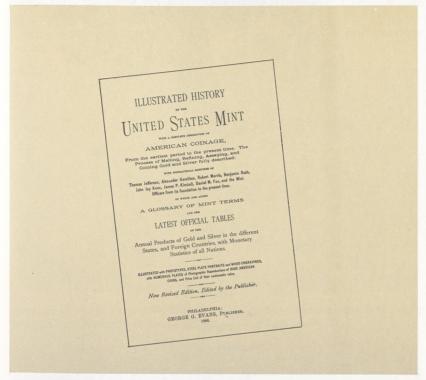
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### WORDS FROM THE PAST

"The decree is gone forth, and it cannot be recalled, that a more equal liberty than has prevailed in other parts of the earth must be established in America." John Adams writes to Patrick Henry.

## Medals of the United States Mint

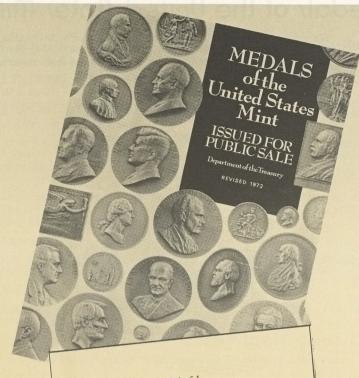
Collectors of United States coins may sometimes forget that the Mint also issues a variety of attractive medals, many of which are more reasonably priced than some of the coin sets.



Shown here are a copy of The Illustrated History of the United States Mint, by George G. Evans, the 1886 edition; Medals of The United States Mint Issued For Public Sale, sold by the Superintendent of Documents at Washington, and last but not least the beautiful little booklet by Vladimir and Elvira Clain-Stefanelli of the Smithsonian Institution, Medals Commemorating Battles of the American Revolution (which was printed by our own Frank Hannah).

Medals available show: Presidents of the United States; Secretaries of the Treasury; Directors of the Mint; United States Army; United States Navy; Miscellaneous; Historic Buildings of the United States, and the newly issued set of four for the branches of the armed services.

These are ideal for both collectors and exhibits, and are sold over the counter at the mints, or by mail from the mail order section of the Mint at San Francisco for a slight additional charge.



Medals Commemorating Battles of the American Revolution



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# MEMORABILIA

## TELLS STORY OF 1876 CENTENNIAL

Many items issued for the celebration of the Centennial in 1876 have been preserved to the present time.

Shown here are some items that we thought would be of interest to our readers during this bicentennial year.



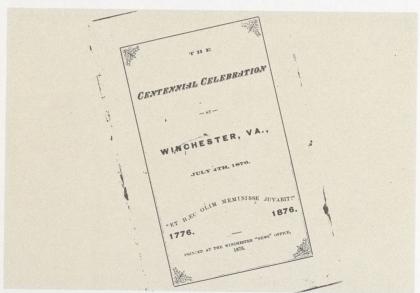
Card issued by the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company showing the R R Depot and other buildings, with schedules of special trains on the back



Admission tickets to the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia



Stock certificate for the 1876 Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia

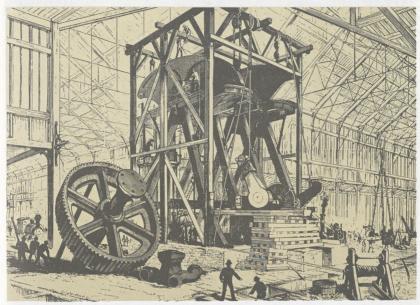


 $Front \ page \ of \ Winchester \ Centennial \ program, \ from \ the \ collection \ of \ Charles \ Affleck.$ 

To help finance The World's Columbian Exposition (of Illinois, the operating group for the Fair), approval was granted to issue the Columbian

Exposition Half Dollars of 1892 and 1893, to be sold at \$1.00 each at the Fair.

Following the Fair, The Lafayette Dollar was issued in 1900, the first dollar size commemorative coin. The statue on the reverse is similar to the monument of General Lafayette which was erected in Paris as a gift of the American people.



The huge Corliss steam engine generated 1600 horsepower and supplied all the power used in Machinery Hall. President Grant opened the Exposition by starting the engine.

The idea of holding a World's Fair at some point in the United States, in celebration of the 400th. anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus, was first seriously considered in the summer of 1889, and it quickly received popular approval. As soon as it seemed probable that such a Fair would be held, several cities, notably New York, Chicago, St. Louis and Washington, entered into a spirited rivalry to be designated as the place of its location, and urged their respective claims before Congress. Chicago was selected.

The buildings of The World's Columbian Exposition, as provided by Congress, were to be dedicated on October 21st, 1892, the recognized anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, but it did not open until 1893. It exhibited many wonders of its time, and our first two commemorative coins were struck for it.

As a result of a petition by The Board of Lady Managers to the Congress, The Isabella Quarter Dollar was issued and sold for \$1.00 each, to help finance their exhibits.

## Virginia Independence Bicentennial Medal



This attractive medal has been struck in bronze, silver and gold in several sizes by the Medallic Art Company for the State of Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission. It has been for sale at banks and savings and loan offices here in Virginia and from the Company by mail.



The Virginia medal is also included in the matched set of the 13 official state bicentennial medals,  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter, released by the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States, Atlanta, Georgia, also struck by the Medallic Art Company, Danbury, Conn. Royalties from the sale of the medals will be shared by the individual state bicentennial commissions. This size makes a very attractive display item, especially during the bicentennial years.

USE OF TRUMBULL'S PAINTING OF THE SIGNING OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING





Trumbull's painting has been used on various state bank notes over the years, and on several products of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Shown here are the front and back of the \$100 National Bank note from the first charter period, the back of the newly released \$2 series of 1976 Federal Reserve note and Trumbull's Original Painting.

Some people have been upset because the ends were cut back some in the different versions, but they do not seem to consider that the painting was made many years after the signing, and because of the conditions of the times was not historically accurate. There were no press photographers shooting flash bulbs then, or any television cameras electronically recording





the event for transmission all over the world. The painter had to guess at the physical appearance of some men there, he left some of them out and he added some that were not there at the time. He painted for effect, and he did a good jobunder the situation.

Let's relax and enjoy the return of some superior looks to our nation's currency and stamps!

## HIVER NOITES



These colorful advertising "flyers" project promotional themes of numismatic organizations, Numismatists, banks, cities, coin dealers, etc. on one side, and a facsimile note on the other side.

Pictured here are some examples of notes from the Mid-Atlantic States. The facsimile note side should be considered the reverse, primarily because it's very reason for being is the more important advertisement side. However, since our primary reason for collecting and displaying them is purely from a numismatic point of view, I propose the opposite.

To my knowledge no one has attempted to establish any type of compiled listing, or rarity scale for this specific type of numismatic related item. However, it must be realized that most are dated, and although thousands may have been printed, they were in all probability considered very expendable by most recipients. Therefore, it must be concluded that some of the older ones are quite scarce.

Though little general interest now exists, if serious research and documentation on this subject were made available to collectors, it could open a whole new field of collecting interest.

James Ross is a past president of the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club and collects all types of crowns, as well as specialty items.

# Bicentennial-Related Items Struck by the Franklin Mint



Shown here are just a few of the many varieties of interesting items being struck by the Franklin Mint for the Bicentennial in 1976.

### WORDS FROM THE PAST

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in the crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. Thomas Paine's first pamphlet from The Crisis series, published December 19, 1776.

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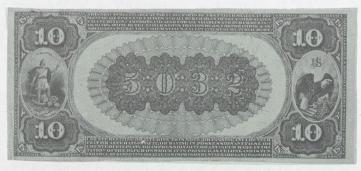
# The Elusive Denomination or Value Back Virginia National Bank Notes

by ELVIN B. MILLER

The Second Charter Period or Series of 1882 started with the issue of national bank notes (Aug. 1882) with a brown seal on the obverse and a brown reverse.



Obverse of \$10.00 Brown Back



Reverse of \$10.00 Brown Back

As a result of the Aldrich Vreeland Act, in 1908, the so called "Brown Backs" were discontinued and a new note was substituted. This new note

had a blue seal instead of a brown one and the brown back with the large charter number gave way to a relatively plain green back with the dates 1882-1908 in large letters in the center panel. These notes are known today as "Second Charter Dated Backs".



Obverse of \$10.00 Second Charter Dated Back



Reverse of \$10.00 Second Charter Dated Back

National bank notes were authorized by Acts of Congress Feb. 25, 1863 and June 3, 1864. The Act of June 3, 1864 provided that banks organized under this act would have a charter for twenty years. The early banks to be chartered issued The Original Series and The Series of 1875 notes.



Obverse of \$1.00 First Charter Original Series



Reverse of \$1.00 First Charter Original Series



Obverse of \$20.00 First Charter, Series of 1875



Reverse of \$20.00 First Charter, Series of 1875

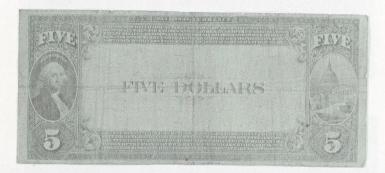
In 1883 the charters of the very first banks organized under the original act were about to expire. At this time Congress passed an act extending their corporate existence for another twenty years. This was the start of the second charter period.

Banks that were organized late in the first charter period continued to issue first charter notes until their twenty years were completed. For

example, a bank chartered in 1881 would issue series of 1875 notes until 1901. In 1901, at the end of its' first twenty year period, this particular bank would then issue notes of the second charter period, Brown Backs until 1908, Dated Backs until 1916 and from 1916 to 1922 Denomination or Value Backs.



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A bank organized in 1865 issued notes of The Original Series and The Series of 1875 until 1885 and then would have issued the Brown Backs until 1905. Charters of banks that expired in 1902 or later were extended by The Act of Congress Apr. 12, 1902 for another twenty years. This constituted the start of the Third Charter Period and the third charter period bank notes.

This brings us to the fact that only banks that were chartered or re-

chartered between 1895 and 1902 could have issued Second Charter Denomination or Value Back Notes.

The State of Virginia had two hundred and forty nine banks that organized and obtained National Bank Charters. Of these two hundred and forty nine banks, 224 actually issued National Bank Notes. Following is a list of the number of Virginia banks that issued each type of National Bank Note. This ratio should give an indication of the rarity of each type.

Charter Period	Type No.	of Issuing Banks
First Charter	Original Series Series of 1875	29 22
Second Charter (Series of 1882)	Brown Backs Dated Backs Denomination or Value Backs	59 33 18
Third Charter (Series of 1902)	Red Seals Dated Backs Plain Backs	71 121 178
Small Size Notes (Series of 1929)	Type I Type II	147 124

Reference:

A Descriptive History of National Banks Notes 1863-1935, by William H. Dillistin

Elvin Miller is a Past President of VNA and currently is coordinator of our Annual Conventions. He is an avid collector of Virginia National Bank Notes and has one of the most complete collections in the Old Dominion.



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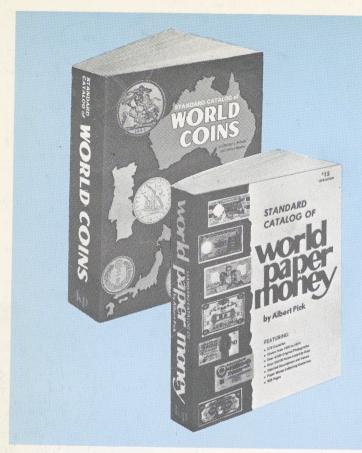


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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Warm summer days mean vacation time to many of our members, as they do to me. My wife and I like to travel, stopping at coin, stamp and antique shops to browse and talk as we rest ourselves, and sometimes to add a wanted piece to our collections, if we are lucky enough to find it.

Last summer we were able to travel to New York City to see some of the large coin shops and museums available there. On the way home we

stopped at Philadelphia to visit the United States Mint. If you haven't seen it, it alone is worth the trip. And this year, the famous Eliasberg collection of United States coins is also on display there, being shown to the public for the first time.

Elvin Miller reports that plans for the Annual Convention at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel at Arlington on September 17, 18 and 19 are coming along well. Sales of bourse table space and requests for exhibit space are coming in at a good pace. An excellent speaker will address our dinner meeting, and many other activities will be available, as well as the large auction to be held by Jess Peters.

Get your vacation time set and your reservations for rooms in early, so that you will be sure to enjoy our 1976 Bicentennial Annual Convention this fall.

Last but not least, do your good turn for the day - sign up a new member for VNA. Remember, the finest people in the world belong to VNA.

George Miller President

#### APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors.

**Applicant** 

Neil Hansin, Newport News, Virginia Phil W. Greenslet, Reisterstown, Md. James A. Sparks, Jr., Salisbury, N. C. Sponsor

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#### V N A ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

The numismatic highlight of our bicentennial year of 1976 in Virginia will be the 18th Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, to be held at The Twin Bridges Marriott Motel in Alexandria in northern Virginia, on September 17, 18 and 19. This location is just on the Dixie side of the Potomac, across from Washington, D.C.

We hope that most of the crowds of people expecting to visit our national capital will be gone by then, leaving us with an ideal time and place for our Convention. In another section you will find suggestions and helps about seeing some of the many interesting and historical sites, museums and government buildings in and around Washington. May we suggest that as many of us as are able will plan to come early and stay later than the Convention and take time to look around and enjoy this special section of our country.

Please remember, too, that our conventions are not commercial coin shows .... there are lots of bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic materials for sale, but there are also exhibits of all types, meetings, and best of all, the fellowship of meeting with and talking to your friends. Make your plans now and get your reservations in early.

#### OUR DINNER SPEAKER

For our guest speaker at the dinner on Saturday night, we have selected Mr. Robert P. Charles, Vice President for Sales of The American Bank Note Company. We feel very fortunate to be able to present Mr. Charles as our speaker, since for years the company maintained an aura of secrecy and desired no publicity of any kind.

The American Bank Note Company is one of those venerable institutions whose history is almost as old as the United States itself. The firm traces its beginnings back to 1795 when Robert Scot established a bank note engraving business in Philadelphia. Scot's assistant carried on the business after his death, and eventually it became one of the firms that combined under the name of The American Bank Note Company. Today, as for many years in the past, the Company maintains its corporate headquarters in New York City's Wall Street district, at 70 Broad Street, Because of the necessary security precautions, the Company did not encourage publicity or visitors for much of its history. But recently it has been developing programs especially designed for collectors, based on the tremendous amount of fiscal material they have from the past.

Collectors the world over have always held the work of the American Bank Note Company in the highest regard, so we are most pleased to have this opportunity for our members and guests to meet and hear Mr. Charles talk to us about this firm, its history and its products. Be sure to get your dinner tickets when you register.

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#### AUCTION

A major auction will be conducted by Jess Peters, Inc., of Decatur, Illinois. Coins, currency and a wide variety of interesting numismatic items will be featured, with bidding by mail and in person. Present plans call for sessions on Friday and Saturday. If anyone wants to consign material to Mr. Peters for this auction, please get in touch with him in plenty of time to allow the material to be graded and described in the catalog before it is mailed out. Be sure to get your copy of the sales catalog and get your bids in early if you will be unable to attend the auction itself.

#### **EXHIBITS**

Be sure to get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 34450, to arrange for space for your exhibits. This is a once a year opportunity to show the rest of us items from your collection and tell us all about it. Awards will be presented for: "Best of Show", the "Charles Affleck Award" for the best paper money exhibit and seven (7) "Outstanding Awards" for the next seven top awards without regard for category. Let's all try our best to come up with a winning exhibit for our bicentennial show, and be sure to visit and enjoy this important part of the convention area.

#### **BOURSE**

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited. Chairman Ray Haymaker tells us that tables are selling well, and that a wide range of materials will be available for collectors of all types of numismatic items. Take a look at all of the tables to see if you can find something you need for your collection, and possibly a new interest, too. For information on tables, write: Raymond G. Haymaker, RFD #1, Box 322, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422.

#### ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet held on Saturday night following the social hour is always one of the most interesting parts of the Convention. Following the excellent dinner will be the installation of officers for next year, presentation of awards and exhibit plaques and our featured speaker, Mr. Robert P. Charles, Vice President of the American Bank Note Company. Please be sure to secure your dinner tickets when you register at the desk.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Hotel on Saturday, September 18th. Time and place of the meeting will be announced.

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

Next to the registration desk will be a table displaying the VNA membership pins for sale, along with Charlie Affleck's two books on the "Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" and Douglas Ball's "Confederate Interim Depository Receipts & Funding Certificates Issued in the Commonwealth of Virginia". Be sure to get yours if you do not already have them. The books also make excellent presents for your local library.

#### "RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

Last but far from least of the Saturday activities, don't forget that on that evening following the banquet, the "rag-pickers" will assemble for their annual get-together. Some members store up tales all year to have them for this audience - you just don't get many opportunities like this!

#### **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES**

All member clubs are asked to be sure to appoint your Club Representative to attend the meeting with the other representatives from around the state.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please remember to arrange in advance for your rooms at The Marriott Twin Bridges Motel, Alexandria, Virginia. You will be sent a hotel reservation form in early August. Be sure to send it in early for the best selection of rooms.

#### CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee, but space is available for advertisements by members, clubs and dealers in the Convention Program, and for the sum of \$2.00 you can be listed in the Program as a Patron, to help offset the cost of presenting the Show.

Please send your advertising copy or check for \$2.00 to: The Virginia Numismatist, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669.



## Calendar of Coin Shows

#### CALENDAR OF COIN SHOWS

Club	Location	Date
Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association	Sheraton Motor Inn Exit 30-W New Carrolton, Md.	July 9 - 11
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center	July 30-Aug
Rockingham Coin Club	Belle Meade Inn Harrisonburg	Sept 11 - 12
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	MARRIOTT TWIN BRIDGES MOTEL, ALEXANDRIA	SEPT 17 - 19
Alexandria Coin Club	Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St.	Oct 16 - 17
Mid Atlantic Numismatic Association	King of Prussia near Philadelphia	Oct 22 - 24

## SPECIAL JULY FOURTH ISSUE OF THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST

Many ideas were advanced to the Board of Directors for a bicentennial project for The Virginia Numismatic Association, but the proposal by Frank Hannah for a special extra issue of The Virginia Numismatist was the one approved. Our special thanks go to Frank and Margery for all they did to make it possible.

The July Fourth issue was placed in the mails before this one was, so it should be in our readers' hands by now.

This may become a special keep-sake of the bicentennial in Virginia, so if anyone wants an extra copy for their files, let us know.

Our thanks go to all of those who so freely gave of their time and energy to make the bicentennial issue come to reality. If you like it, take the time to tell them so.

### news of our clubs

#### ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB

The Alexandria Coin Club will hold its Annual Fall Coin Show on October 16 from 10 AM to 7 PM, and October 17 from 10 AM to 5 PM, at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, Virginia.

Write to Mr. John D. Ellis, c/o A.C.C., 3616 Lee Highway, Arlington,

Virginia 22207, for information on bourse tables.

The Alexandria Coin Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Chinquapin Adult Recreation Center, 3210 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, and visitors are always welcome.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

A program on The Coinage of Queen Victoria by Bob Coltrane was enjoyed in May, and an auction brought participation by many members in June. Reports on National Coin Week and other activities were presented.

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Canadian Olympic Coinage and Coins of the West Indies programs were featured programs enjoyed at the Washington club in May and June. No club meetings will be held during July and August. Many members hope to attend the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association meeting at the Sheraton Motor Inn, New Carrolton, Maryland, July 9 to 11, and the American Numismatic Association show in New York in August.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

Members were preparing for the Annual Coin Show to be held in the Tanglewood Mall in June.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Programs for May and June were on "Borrowed Coins" by Mrs. Rita Boyle, and on "Error Coins" by Thomas F. Madigan III, and were enjoyed by the members. Plans are being made for the annual beach party in July.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

A report on a recent trip to Israel was the highlight of a recent meeting of the Club at the Jewish Community Center in Norfolk.

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#### SHENANDOAH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Shenandoah Numismatic Society of Winchester held a most successful coin show at the Holiday Inn East in May. Guests attending the show were registered from eleven states, including California. The bourse dealers came from four states and reported that business was very good. Show Chairman W. P. Massey, Jr., stated that plans for a show in 1977 will be made before the end of this year. The club maintains membership in the A N A and the V N A.

#### FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

Slide program from the  $V\ N\ A$  library were featured at spring meetings of the club in Fredericksburg. Displays for National Coin Week were presented by various members.

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Shenandoah Valley Coin Club had coin exhibits in various business locations during National Coin Week. M. J. Reid gave a talk on a local radio station about Coin Week and coin collecting. News items were placed in local papers informing everyone of Coin Week and inviting anyone interested to come to meetings of the Club. The Club sponsored a bus trip to the Smithsonian in Washington—the bus was full and everyone had a great time.

A program on fractional currency was given by Bill Alwood for the May meeting. At this meeting reports were given on the success of the 12th Annual Coin Show held at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn. Show chairmen Ivan Lam and Frank Cacciapaglia did an excellent job in planning one of the most successful shows presented by the Club.

At the June meeting a series of three programs on type coin collecting will be started by Frank Cacciapaglia.

#### RICHMOND COIN CLUB

New officers and new interesting club programs are helping build interest by the membership and increasing attendance at meetings. Special junior programs are also being planned.

#### VIRGINIA TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY

Club members are exploring the possibility of having members present token exhibits at the Annual Meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association in September.

#### WHEN YOU VISIT WASHINGTON THESE TIPS MAY HELP

Thousands of Virginians are expected to be among the millions of visitors to the nation's capital this year as America celebrates its Bicentennial. In case you are planning to visit Washington, you should be aware of certain new procedures and revisions of several tour schedules which will assist you in your visit.

No longer are visitors required to stand in line to tour the White House

or Washington Monument.

Visitors' hours at the White House are from 10 AM to 1 PM Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 AM until 2 PM on Saturday. Each morning, tickets to that day's tours will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each member of a family or group must obtain a ticket for the tour at booths which open at 8 AM Tuesday through Saturday. The ticket will specify the time of the tour, and visitors are then free to either leave the park to visit other attractions or choose to view the entertainment program at the Ellipse, across from the Washington Monument, where a Visitors' Waiting Area has been established.

Similar procedures are now being followed at the Washington Monument

where tours are conducted from 8 AM to 11 PM daily.

A limited weekday tour program of the Pentagon is being offered during the period of May 17 - October 1. Tours will be conducted Monday through Friday beginning at 9 AM, and will continue every 15 minutes through 3:15 PM. Each program will last about 45 minutes and will include a film and a walking tour of the building.

Expanded tours, starting approximately every 15 minutes, are now being

conducted at the new FBI Building.

Longer hours for tours of the Capitol are being observed through Labor

Day. The Capitol is now open from 8 AM to 10 PM daily.

A National Visitors' Center, located in downtown Washington at Union Station near the Capitol, is scheduled to open in July. A walk-in Bicentennial Information Center is also located in the lobby of the Department of Commerce Building.

The venerable Smithsonian Institution has so many exhibits at different places that are worth seeing that you will almost have to check with them to see what is showing where and at what time. Be sure to see the display on "Chartered for Progress - Two Hundred Years of Banking".

Spain's Queen Sofia cut the ribbon to open a major new exhibit of gold and silver and artifacts from a sunken Spanish galleon at the Explorers Hall of the National Geographis Society's headquarters, 17th and M Streets, N.W. The exhibit will be open free to the public through September 26th.

The Bureau of the Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing have added new features and made changes to accommodate the influx of visitors expected this year.

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A new double feature film attraction is being shown at the newly unveiled Bureau of the Mint theater adjacent to the Mint's sales and exhibit area in the main Treasury Building. The films are shown during week days and Saturday, beginning at 10 AM. The Treasury is open to visitors from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday, and from 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturdays. Coins and medals are sold over the counter at the sales area. The office of Mrs. Mary Brooks, Director of the Mint, is also in the Treasury Building.

Bureau of Engraving and Printing Director James A. Conlon has also announced changes in the system of admitting visitors to the building at 14th and C Sts., SW. The BEP is open for tours Monday through Friday (except legal holidays) from 8 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 2 PM. The tours last about 25 minutes. Admission tickets will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning at 8 AM for morning tours and at 12:30 PM for afternoon tours. Notices will be posted as soon as all available tickets have been issued, to preclude unnecessary waiting by anyone arriving after that time. Tickets will be honored on the day of issue only. Current information on the Bureau's tour can be obtained 24 hours each day by dialing (202)-W04-7611 or (202)-W04-7173.

To accommodate the large number of visitors, Metro has instituted shuttle bus service from fringe parking areas. Call 737-6666 or 637-1234 for information. If at all possible, do not plan to drive your car into the city, because the regular traffic congestion will only get worse this summer. Have fun!

#### THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1976 - 1977

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association state that an Election Committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of Officers and Directors for each expiring elected office, not later than July 15th of each year. Additional nominations for any open office may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees shall be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Convention in September, by Ballot.

The nominating committee presents the following slate of officers:

Sec-Treasurer Richard Jones Roanoke, Va.

#### **Board of Directors**

James M. Beard Walter L. Mason, Jr. Henry Hawkins Robert New Lexington, Va. Rockville, Md. Harrisonburg, Va. Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

Any additional nominations should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Richard Jones, P.O. Box 1981, Roanoke, Virginia 24009.

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

by James A. Johnson, Jr.

These questions and answers, by V N A member James A. Johnson, Jr., were from two guest columns he wrote for the Richmond Times Dispatch, while regular columnist Jim Packard was on vacation. We thought that they would be of much interest to our readers too. They will be broken up into short segments and included in this and future issues.

Q. What was a coin called "Bungtown" and did it circulate in Virginia? A. Rather than being a single coin, the term "Bungtown" is a name given to the crudely struck, lightweight counterfeits of the British halfpenny that t was supposedly made and circulated chiefly in Pennsylvania. Many were British imports. Many also were made in a private mint at Machins Mill, now Newburgh, N.Y., that also made some of the copper cents, or counterfeits of them, for the Northern colonies. This had been documented because coins exist with a Bungtown obverse mated with a reverse of the Vermont cents and vice versa.

Bungtowns usually bore a bust of King George III, often satirical, and the legend GEORGIUS III REX on the obverse and a crude copy of seated Britannia and the words BRITANNIA on the reverse. Legends are sometimes seen that are badly garbled—probably on purpose—such as GLORIUS REX on the obverse and BONNY GIRL on the reverse. In other instances the obverse may show the bust and name of William Shakespeare or some other historical character. Most were dated in the 1770s and 1780s, but were probably struck about 1785-1790.

Bungtowns were weakly struck to begin with, but almost all I have seen are well worn from circulation. In that period of critical coin shortage almost anything that looked like a copper coin was accepted and freely passed in trade.

I have seen very few of these in groups of old coins from Virginia as they probably did not wander this far south. Counterfeit halfpency of George II dated in the 1730s do turn up with some frequency in Virginia lots.

Q. Was the Bermuda coin "Hog Money" circulated in Virginia?

A. This coinage struck about 1616 for the "Sommer Isles" (Bermuda) was the first for the English-American colonies. They were made of a brass-like metal, lightly silvered, in denomination from two pence to a shilling. Sir George Sommer was shipwrecked on these islands in 1609 while on a voyage to Virginia and survived because of the abundance of wild hogs descended from those left by a Spanish explorer who stopped there in 1515.

The coins have a figure of a hog on the obverse and a sailing ship on the reverse.

Probably very few were originally made as they are quite rare today. While it is possible some few were brought to Virginia by passing ships, I know of no specimen that has come to light in Virginia.

Q. In a bill of sale recorded in the City of Richmond dated 1801 (20 years after the end of the American Revolution) the price was given as 25 pounds. How long did the colonies continue the use of English money?

A. The British pound was a stable currency in world trade at that period while the U.S. paper money had undergone wild inflation in the years after the Revolution. Much of our trade was still with England and the pound standard was in common usage by business people. Transactions could be stipulated in such currencies legally until 1857.

It was the normal practice in such deals to state the currency of debts in the legal papers. I have a note dated a few years later, made in North Carolina, that is payable "in lawful Virginia money". Others stipulated payment in gold, or in notes of specific banks.

Q. I have noticed a number of references in the Virginia Gazette (published in Williamsburg from about 1730-1780) of stud services being available for so many "pistoles". Was this coin in general circulation in Virginia?

A. During this period, the pistole was a worldwide unit of value rather than a specific coin. Originally it was a Spanish gold coin, issued first in the early 16th Century, and made of 22-karat gold brought to Spain from the Spanish American conquests. Louis XIII of France later issued the famous "Louis d'Or" of the same weight and fineness, and several other European countries also had their issues. The gold coin most likely to have been called the pistole in Virginia was the two-escudo coin of the Spanish or Spanish Colonial mints of that period — although the French Louis d'Or, or the English guinea would probably have been accepted.

Merchants that traded in gold coins during these years carried with them a balance on which to weigh coin tendered. I have seen such balances in small boxes that had pasted to the inside lid a handwritten list of circulating gold coins of the world along with their weight and fineness. A pistole then could have been anyone of several, or a combination of, gold coins that contained sufficient gold of 22-karat fineness to meet the standard of weight.

The original coin itself was about the size of a U.S. five-dollar gold piece, but thinner, and the value of a pistole in U.S. gold was about \$4. It was roughly equivalent to the English guinea of that era. Because of the coastal shipping trade that came into Virginia ports, the Mexico City two-escudo coin was much more likely to be found in Williamsburg than the guinea.

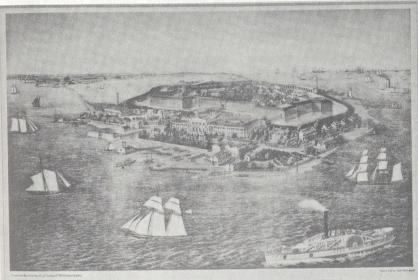
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# a Tale Of Two Ships

THE MONITOR .... THE VIRGINIA

by Don Roberts

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TORTHE KIZAYA MINA TEOROT THE POLD, ZORNOM EZZETROT THE KEY TO THE SOUTH.

The principle of the revolving turret equipped with heavy guns was, as John Ericsson himself was first to admit, an old one. However, it remained for Ericsson's engineering genius to give the principle practical application in the form of the Monitor, the first turreted ironclad warship to do battle with another ironclad. The contract price for the first Monitor was \$275,000, a small investment for the creation of such an important weapons system. But one of the most serious faults of all monitors was that they could not fight their main batteries in a seaway; the turret had to be combined with increased freeboard before it was generally accepted in the world's navies.

Faced with the task of creating a fleet to blockade 3,500 miles of coast, called upon to solve at short notice a score of problems demanding an immediate solution, it is small wonder that the Union Navy Department hesitated in the first months of the war to embark on an ironclad program. As naval operations on the western rivers were at first deemed within the sphere of the Army, not the Navy, it fell to the War Department to order the first Union ironclads for the Mississippi River. The Navy Board for Ironclad Vessels recommended in September the construction of three ironclads which were later named the Monitor, Galena and New Ironsides.

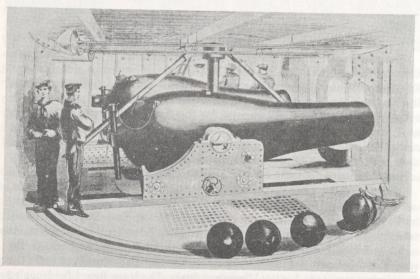
John Ericsson, a Swedish born engineer, had considerable difficulty in persuading the board to recommend the design of his Monitor for construction, but a contract was finally agreed upon, containing a clause that 25 percent of the price would be retained until the ship was tested in battle.

#### THE BLOCKADE AND COTTON

On April 19, 1861, in the City of Washington, Abraham Lincoln signed his name to a document proclaiming the blockade of the seceding Southern states:

"Now, therefore I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States . . . . have further deemed it advisable to set on foot a blockade of the ports . . . . in pursuance of the laws of the United States and the Law of Nations in such cases provided."

Mr. Lincoln knew that his proclamation of a blockade could mean death by economic strangulation to the South and to Southern hopes. The wealth of the seceding states was largely in millions of dollars worth of cotton that was stored in southern warehouses, waiting shipment abroad. Manufactured products from foreign markets were needed desperately by the largely agricultural South. The Confederacy hoped, and the North feared, that this intertwining of interests would bring about foreign intervention. The Union knew that it must be prevented at all cost.



An idealized contemporary drawing showing the two XI-inch smooth-bore Dahlgren guns inside the turret of the Monitor.

The fly in the ointment for the North was the fact that it now had to mount a physical blockade of almost 3,500 miles and close to 200 ports, harbors and rivers . . . but on that day the Secretary of the Union Navy, Gideon Wells, was advised that there were available just three usable vessels for the task . . . . plus the fact that over 300 Southern naval officers left to join the forces of the Confederacy. This took any man and vessel they could find, and before the end of the war more than six hundred would be involved.

But, according to one writer: "throughout the greater part of the Civil War the policy which came to be called "The King Cotton Philosophy" kept high the southern hopes for European intervention. Convinced that there was no substitute for southern cotton and that the lack of it would cripple European economy, the Confederate leaders were sure that England and France would eventually be forced to enter the war on their side." Until well into the third year of the war they acted on this theory, and it was hard for them to realize that neither England or France would intervene. England, far from languishing over the loss of southern cotton, was making enormous profits. France, whose interests in Mexico would have fared better if the South had won its independence, was not willing to intervene alone, when the expected Southern military victories did not come.

The loss of support by the governments of Queen Victoria and Napoleon III counted on by the South, added to its difficulties in financing the greatly underestimated costs of the war, and the much greater manufacturing abilities of the North, finally made the difference too great to overcome.

#### THE MONITOR

On the 25th of October, Ericsson, along with his partners Winslow, Griswold and Bushnell, contracted with Thomas F. Roland of the Continental Iron Works, Green Point, Brooklyn, New York, for the construction of the hull and assembly of the machinery, for so much per pound of iron used. The turret and engines came from New York; the iron port stoppers from Buffalo; iron for the hull came from Baltimore, Troy and New York. Trouble was experienced in getting the plates for the turret. The ship was launched January 30, and commissioned February 25, under the command of Lt. John L. Worden. Her two XI-inch Dahlgren guns had to be commandeered from the Dacotah. The first trial of course found many defects, and great efforts were made to correct them. The Monitor left the New York Navy Yard at 10:30 AM, March 6th, escorted by two gunboats and a tugboat. Despite the aid of the tugboat Seth Low, which took her in tow on leaving New York Harbor, she nearly sank twice on her trip to Hampton Roads, under very heavy seas from a northwest gale.

The Dahlgren gun was a powerful weapon, which could fire either shell or solid shot. However, the Navy Department ordered that only 15 pounds of powder could be used for any shot from the Dahlgren gun. The men aboard the Monitor in battle would have reason to protest that rule, since it was later found that the gun could handle a charge more than twice that heavy.

#### THE U.S. FRIGATE MERRIMACK ...

By an Act of the 33rd Congress of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy was authorized to have constructed "six first-class steam frigates to be provided with screw propellers". It was decided that all the vessels should be named for rivers, and were to be built by the Government at navy yards as follows: the Wabash at Philadelphia; the Niagara at New York; the Minnesota at Washington; the Colorado and Roanoke at Norfolk; and the Merrimack at Boston. (The Boston Navy Yard's construction works were actually at Charlestown. The Norfolk Navy Yard's similar works were at the Gosport Navy Yard in Portsmouth). No matter whose was the decision to name the vessels for rivers, it is significant that the Act was approved on April 6, 1854, by President Franklin Pierce who, upon the expiration of his term of office of March 4, 1857, returned to his home at Concord, New Hampshire the county seat of Merrimack County and located on the Merrimack River.

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#### and continued

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That, of course, was more than a century and a half ago. Norfolk-Peninsula traffic landed at Hampton; Newport News citizens had to go there to journey to Norfolk. Steam boat service to Newport News was not established until the centennial of the surrender of British troops at Yorktown in 1881.

The James River Bridge was opened in 1929, but the ferries remained until 1957, when the first Hampton Roads tunnel was opened.

Now, with completion of the second Hampton Roads Tunnel and its inclusion into the interstate system, all bridge and tunnel tolls will be removed to and from the Peninsula and direct benefits will accrue to the million residents of this region.

It is still necessary to pay to use the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel to the Eastern Shore and the ferry from Jamestown to Scotland Neck in Surry across the James River, but no longer will Peninsula residents have to carry the two familiar little books of toll tickets when they want to travel in any direction except toward Richmond.

The impact of toll removal upon the affected cities will be difficult to determine, for it will have short and long-range effects, as stated in the TIMES-HERALD of Newport News and Hampton. But it is clear that toll-free roads and bridges will open new social, commercial and cultural advantages for every resident of the area.

Of course, that newspaper reporter of 1814 would probably be surprised to learn that it can still take from two days to a week for the U.S. Mule to get to or from Hampton and Norfolk, even with the bridge tunnel and an interstate highway running between them.

We do heartily thank Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., for using those huge scissors to cut the ribbon to signal the ending of the tolls, and the beginning of a new era of travel for many Virginians.

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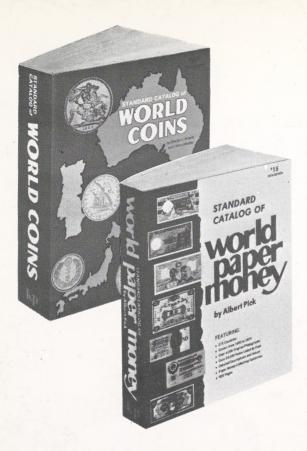


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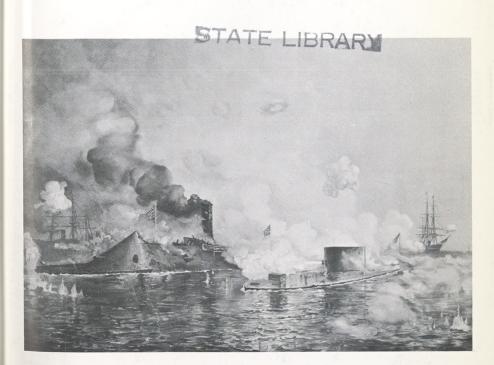
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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Convention time is here again!
Once more we have an opportunity to renew our friendships with other VNA members and the many people that we see each year at our annual meeting. One would have to look a long way to find a friendlier and more enjoyable group of people. Regardless of your collecting interests: foreign coins, crowns, gold, paper money, tokens or United States coins, you will always find someone

wanting to talk about or show you some examples of theirs. Part of the joy of collecting is to be able to share your interests and knowledge with others. This is what makes our conventions successful and well attended each year.

Another opportunity is the chance of finding in the bourse area or in the auction items you need for your collection - with ninety or more dealers and the big Jess Peters auction you can find almost any type of item. There is also the thrill of selling or swapping your duplicates for other items you need.

If you would like to see the sights of Washington, there are so many places of interest just minutes away from the convention site. We have one tour planned to go to the Smithsonian Institution - there are many you can take on your own. Just remember that parking space is at a premium in Washington.

As usual, the highlight of the convention will be the Saturday night banquet. There will be an excellent speaker, presentation of exhibit awards, outstanding food, plenty of door prizes and announcement of the special awards.

We want to express our thanks to all of the people who have worked so hard all year to make this fine meeting and fellowship possible.

You owe it to yourself to attend and mingle with the finest people in Virginia. Our hope is that we will see you all at the convention and that the Lord will see us all there and home in safety.

George Miller President, VNA

#### VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS

Be sure to check your mail for the special envelope containing convention materials that was sent to each member in August. Enclosed are details for the 18th Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, to be held at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel in Alexandria, September 16, 17, 18 and 19, 1976. This is the first time our Annual Convention has been held in northern Virginia, and we are looking forward to meeting all of you at this meeting so close to the City of Washington, but still across the Potomac River in Virginia.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Twin Bridges Marriott Motel, Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 18, 1976, at a time and place to be announced. The election of officers and other items on the agenda will be considered.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The special mailing contained information on the accommodations, prices and facilities available at The Marriott Twin Bridges Motel in Alexandria. Since this is our bicentennial year, be sure to make your reservations as early as possible for the best selection of rooms.

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

Displayed on a table next to the registration desk will be VNA books and membership pins, as well as other items for your consideration.

#### BOURSE

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited to check on the wide range of numismatic materials available for collectors. Chairman Ray Haymaker advises that the dealers will be waiting to talk to you about your collecting interests, and maybe you can find some new ones. There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or exhibits, however guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

#### **EXHIBITS**

Get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. It takes work, but don't be just a looker-on, fix up an exhibit for your collecting interest and show the rest of us how to put together an informative and attractive exhibit, and have fun while doing it. Attractive plaques will be awarded to the winners, and they will show up nicely on your wall. There should be plenty of space there for exhibits, so let's fill it up with a variety of displays.

#### **CONVENTION PROGRAM**

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee to the Annual Convention, but space for advertisements is available in the Convention Program to members, friends, clubs and dealers.

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#### AUCTION

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#### OUR DINNER SPEAKER.

We have been very fortunate to have been able to secure for our dinner speaker Mr. Robert P. Charles, Vice President for Sales of the American Bank Note Company. Mr. Charles has been with the Company since 1958, and Vice President for Sales since 1971. He lives with his wife and three children in Weston, Connecticut, when he is not on the road between New York and the other offices of the Company.

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#### ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet will be held Saturday night, following the social hour. This is always the highlight of the Convention. Following the excellent dinner that has been arranged for us will be the installation of officers for their new terms, presentation of awards, the awarding of plaques for the exhibits, and our featured speaker, Mr. Robert P. Charles, Vice President of the American Bank Note Company. He will tell us something of the Company, its history

and its products. Collectors the world over have always held the American Bank Note Company in highest regard, so we are pleased to have this opportunity for our members and guests to meet and hear Mr. Charles. We suggest that you arrange for your dinner tickets when you register. The dinner is scheduled to start at 7:30 P.M. this year.

Remember, we only have an opportunity once a year to meet with our friends from all over Virginia, and from many other states, in connection with our fine hobby of numismatics. Don't miss it!

#### "RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

Don't forget that later on Saturday night, after the banquet, the "Rag-Pickers" will assemble for their annual conference and discussion period. The time and place will be announced at the Convention. All paper money collectors are invited to attend - as we have said before, you just don't get too many opportunities to meet with a group like this one!

#### CLUB REPRESENTATIVE BREAKFAST

All member clubs are requested to appoint a representative to attend the breakfast and meeting on Sunday morning. These meetings are an important place to discuss club problems, tell each other how your club operates and exchange ideas on how to help clubs function better. This is one of the more important functions of a statewide meeting, to exchange ideas and see how the other folks are doing. Please arrange for your tickets when you register.

#### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY TOURS

Tentative plans have been made to have a tour on Saturday to see the national numismatic collection at the Smithsonian Institution, and possibly to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing on Friday, if conditions permit and enough people are interested in going. It is requested that all persons interested in these trips sign up when registering.

#### COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP

In conclusion, please remember that our conventions are not commercial coin shows . . . . there are lots of bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic materials for sale, but there are also exhibits of all types, educational and business meetings . . . . and best of all, the fellowship of meeting with and talking to your friends, both old and new. Make your plans to attend now, and get your reservations in early. See some of the many interesting and historical sites, museums and government buildings in and around Washington. Arrange to come early and stay later, so you will have the time to look around and enjoy this special section of our great country, in this our bicentennial year. See you there!

## Calendar of Coin Shows

CLUB	LOCATION	DATE
Rockingham Coin Club	Belle Meade Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 11 - 12
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	MARRIOTT TWIN BRIDGES MOTEL ALEXANDRIA	Sept. 16 - 19
Kent Coin Club	Sheraton Dover Inn Dover, Delaware	Sept. 26
Great Eastern Numismatic Assn.	Americana Hotel New York City	Sept. 30 - Oct. 3
North Carolina Numismatic Assn.	Royal Villa Conv. Ctr. Greensboro, N.C.	Oct. 8 - 10
Alexandria Coin Club	Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St.	Oct. 22 - 24
Winchester Coin Club	National Guard Armory Winchester	Oct. 30 - 31
Tennessee State Numismatic Soc., Blue Ridge Museum Show	Civic Center Knoxville, Tenn.	Dec. 10 - 12
Camden Coin Club Blue Ridge Museum Show	Camden Rec. Center Camden, S.C.	Dec. 17 - 19

#### **BRNA MUSEUM SHOW DATES CHANGED**

Due to a conflict in dates with the Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, the sponsors of the Blue Ridge Special Museum Show scheduled for Knoxville, Tenn., on September 16 - 19, have changed the date to December 10 - 12, 1976. The Camden, S.C., show has been changed to December 17 - 19th. We wish to express our thanks for the courtesy they have shown us in this matter.

### news of our clubs

#### WINCHESTER COIN CLUB

The Winchester Coin Club will hold its fall Coin Show on October 30 and 31, at the National Guard Armory, Millwood Avenue, Route 50, Winchester, Virginia.

Write to the Show Chairman, Mr. John Stickels, Jr., Box 201, Clear Brook, Virginia 22624, for information on bourse tables and exhibit space.

Winchester is always a nice place to visit, at any time of year, and the folks there always make you welcome.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Summer meetings were livened by an auction, a talk on "Indians on United States Coins and Currency" by Gerard Chambers and a talk by Don Roberts on "Collecting For Fun." The Club will take a full page ad in the convention program for the annual meeting of the VNA in Alexandria this September, and appointed the club representative for the Sunday breakfast meeting.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Talks on "Foreign Proof Coins" by Melvin Duley and on "How I Started Collecting Coins" by Brian Caddell were presented at the summer meetings. Plans are being made for the annual beach party in September.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Summer programs with informal themes were presented at the Jewish Community Center in Norfolk, and the new coins that had been ordered were distributed.

#### MIDDLE ATLANTIC NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

MANA's 24th Annual Convention will be held October 22 - 24 at the George Washington Motor Inn at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania (west of Philadelphia, in the Pennsylvania-Dutch country). You can enjoy the show, and the food, too.

#### RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Summer programs to enjoy in the hot weather of the City-by-the-James have been scheduled to chase the blues away. Come to the meetings and see!

#### METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

It was hot in Washington this July, but all the visitors to the show put on by the Washington area coin clubs were too busy enjoying the auction, exhibits, educational program, bourse tables and visiting with the rest of the folks there to worry about the weather.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

Members at the summer meetings at the Salem Civic Center were advised that the 1977 Red Books will be available for distribution, and reminded of the VNA Annual Convention in Alexandria the third weekend in September. Plans are being made for an auction at one of the fall meetings.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

President Steve Taylor invites all of our VNA members to come to the 5th Annual Show to be held at the Sheraton-Dover Inn the Sunday after the VNA Annual Meeting over on the Eastern Shore, in Dover, Delaware. He drove all night to get home in time to open it up last year, so this time he scheduled it better. They expect to have fine exhibits, and this is a good time to visit the SHO'.

#### ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

We have heard from several members who were in attendance at the Coin Show by the Roanoke Valley Coin Club in the Roanoke Civic Center that they enjoyed the show very much.

#### ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

Club members are busy preparing for the Annual Show to be held at the Belle Meade Inn at Harrisonburg September 11 and 12, and for coming to the 18th Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association for the next week end. This is the home club of VNA President George Miller, as well as of 1976 National Coin Week Chairman Henry Hawkins, so there should be a good contingent from this club at the meeting in Alexandria.

#### GREAT EASTERN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Members of GENA are in the final stages of preparations for their bicentennial year convention to be held September 30 through October 3 at the Americana Hotel in New York City.

#### MEHERRIN VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Meherrin Valley Coin Club regretfully reports the deaths of two of its esteemed members within twenty-four hours of each other: John M. Britt, Sr. and Dudley W. Barnes.

Britt, known among his many friends and colleagues as "Jack" died on June 6 at Southampton Memorial Hospital.

Jack was a charter member of the Meherrin Valley Coin Club, and a long time member of VNA. He retired in 1975 after more than 50 years in the practice of law in Boykins. He attended the College of William and Mary and received his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1922. He was a member of the State Bar Association and a Past President of the Franklin-Southampton Bar Association, served three sessions as a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly, a Past Master of the Boykins Masonic Lodge, a member of the Boykins Advisory Board of the Virginia National Bank, as well as a member of the United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School for many years. He is survived by his widow, a son, sister and brother.

Dudley W. Barnes died June 7 at his home in Severn, N.C. He was a former Town Councilman, a member of the Severn Baptist Church, a charter member of the Severn-Pendleton Ruritan Club and of the Severn Volunteer Fire Department. He is survived by his widow, a son and daughter and a half-brother.

Both of these gentlemen were energetic and enthusiastic numismatists. They were very interested in the club activities and contributed much of their time toward the upbuilding of the club. They will be missed by all the members, and those in the numismatic field who knew them.



#### NEW MULTI-PURPOSE AUCTION COMPANY FORMED

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NEW BICENTENNIAL REVISED EDITION OF THE EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA by Eric P. Newman

All collectors of paper money from the early time in our country will be interested in the new, revised and expanded edition of Eric Newman's book that was first written about ten years ago.

The paper money included in the first edition, published in 1967, was limited to bills issued up to the ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1789. This bicentennial edition has extended the cut-off date to 1800, thereby permitting the inclusion of small change flotes of the 1790-96 period, which group of fascinating issues has not been too well covered. The date extension has also permitted a presentation from a numismatic point of view of the bank notes of the first Bank of the United States and other early banks incorporated under State laws.

New geographical sections have been added to include the French Colonial regions now part of the United States and to cover the Northwest Territory, and many new illustrations have been added to enlarge and improve the prior pictorial presentation.

As Mr. Newman notes in the preface to this new edition, many people and organizations have given assistance and cooperation to make this expanded version possible.

Many of our readers from the Old Dominion will be particularly interested in the chapter devoted to the issues of Virginia, especially after reading the fine article by VNA Secretary-Treasurer Richard Jones on the notes signed by Robert Carter Nicholas in the special Bicentennial Issue of The Virginia Numismatist in July of this year.

#### 1976 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ballots for the slate of officers whose terms expire this year were sent with the special mailing for the convention materials.

Please be sure that your marked ballot is either returned at once to the Secretary-Treasurer at Roanoke, or given to him at the Convention in time for the votes to be counted prior to the Annual Meeting. All eligible members are urged to vote for the candidate of your choice.

#### APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors.

#### Applicant

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#### GLOUCESTER TOKENS WILL BE DESTROYED

According to a recent article in THE RICHMOND TIMES-DISPATCH:

"The Gloucester County Board of Supervisors decided during a July meeting to destroy more than 400 tokens the county had minted for sale in 1973, ending the three-year dispute over copyrights on the token design.

A Gloucester printer, William DeHardit, has contended the county was illegally trying to market the token's design that he had copyrighted in 1973. DeHardit says he developed the design based on a rare 1714 coin minted for Gloucester and copyrighted the design for use in his business. The county historical commission had sold the tokens as a money-making project, DeHardit said.

Supervisors have sought legal opinions on whether DeHardit actually did hold rights to use of the token design. A Washington law firm advised Gloucester Commonwealth's Attorney Harry A. Morris that DeHardit did not hold a binding copyright. However, DeHardit disputes that claim and

says he checked the copyright recently and was assured by the copyright office that it was valid.

Supervisor Carlton W. Heywood said that the board ordered unsold tokens destroyed "in view of several years of hassling about this." Although he said he believed the county could win the right to use the design in a court battle, Heywood said, "I see no point in continuing . . . this thing that has been a constant hassle for four or five years."

Two thousand tokens were minted and most were sold, according to DeHardit. County officials said 413 tokens have not been sold and have been stored pending the board's decision on whether to continue marketing them. The county will not attempt to collect tokens already sold, county Administrator William P. Larew said.

The tokens bear a rendering of what appeared to be the original Gloucester Courthouse, constructed in the late 1600's, on one side, and a likeness of a Gloucester merchant, Richard Dawson, on the other side, DeHardit said.





According to previous reports, this was the third version of the token that had been used for promotional purposes in the County over a period of some years, each with a slightly different design.

#### GLOUCESTER TOKENS

If you had really wanted to add one of the Gloucester tokens to your collection, you passed up a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bid on one of the two known pieces in Stack's auction at the ANA meeting in New York City in August. All you would have had to do was to top the winning bid of \$35,000 entered for the one from the Massachusetts Historical Society Collection and it would have been yours (they would not accept an American Express card). Now you will have to be satisfied with one of those sold by the county.

# a Tale Of Two Ships

THE MONITOR .... THE VIRGINIA

by Don Roberts

Cont. from last issue . .

These sailing frigates with steam auxiliary power would be the most powerful vessels in the United States Navy. They would be beautiful ships, fast and graceful, and obsolete before their keels were laid. Also people would tend to leave the "K" off the end of the Merrimack's name!

The United States had good cause to be proud of her frigates. The early American navy had been built around frigates. Back in 1794 Congress decided that the new United States should have a navy. What was left of the Continental Navy of the Revolution had been sold. Congress did not have enough money to build line-of-battle ships, so they ordered the construction of six frigates. The frigate of those days was the cruiser of today, lighter and faster than the ship-of-the-line and with fewer guns. Congress selected ship-builder Joshua Humphreys to design the frigates, and he proved he had done a good job when their victories over British ships in the War of 1812 amazed the world.



Officers of the "Monitor" photographed in front of the turret in July, 1862

When the Merrimack started on her shakedown cruise, she was called a steam frigate, but she was designed and built as a sailing ship with auxiliary steam power. After seven years of sea duty, she came home and dropped anchor at the Gosport Navy Yard. She was in for repairs and a much-needed overhaul of her engines. Nobody, then, had any idea what the "repairs" to the Merrimack would turn out to be. After the Confederate forces seized

the yard in April of 1861, the muddy waters of the Elizabeth River lapped over the charred remains of the Merrimack. Her masts were burned away, as were her spar deck and gun deck. But beneath the water her hull was undamaged, and within it were two steam engines, worn and damaged.

#### ... BECOMES THE CONFEDERATE ARMORED RAM VIRGINIA

After the Confederate forces took over the Gosport Navy Yard, they needed to clear the river channel, so they raised the burned hulk of the Merrimack and put it in drydock.



Stephen R. Mallory, Secretary of the Confederate Navy

Confederate Secretary of the Navy Stephen Mallory was given a difficult job, for he had no navy, only some 320 Southern-born officers who resigned their Union commissions and came home to the Confederacy, along with a few sailors. He wanted ships of all kinds, especially iron ships, and he tried to get them from Europe and at home.

According to one source, a report by Secretary Mallory dated March 29, 1862, gives what is probably the most authentic account of the conversion of the burned-out hulk of the Merrimack into the history-making ironclad Virginia. In May of 1861, Mallory had urged the building of a Confederate ironclad and had directed John M. Brooke, CSN, to design one. After Brooke made his drawings, Chief Engineer William P. Williamson and Naval Constructor John L. Porter, were called to Richmond for consultation. Porter brought with him a model of a flat bottom casemated battery with inclined sides. Out of this meeting came the idea of using the hull and engines of the former Merrimack for the Virginia. It was the only chance of getting an ironclad built in a short time. Since no data was available for making the correct

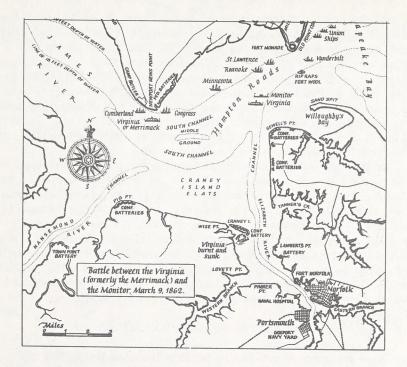
armor, the planners "were compelled to determine the inclination of the plates and their thickness and form by actual experiment." Lt. Brooke and Lt. Catesby ap Roger Jones (ap is Welsh for "son of") made the tests at Jamestown Island. Lt. Jones had helped install the Dahlgren guns in the Merrimack in 1856. Work on the ship began on July 11, 1861. The Tredegar Iron Works in Richmond flattened railroad rails until they were 8 inches wide and two inches thick. They were bolted on in two crossed layers over the inclined sides of the casemate which were made of 20 inches of pine and 4 inches of oak. The ship carried four guns on each side and a pivot gun at each end, fired through ports in the armored walls.

Many people in both the North and the South were of the opinion that the Merrimack, now rebuilt and renamed the Virginia, could roam the Atlantic coast at will, and inflict damage to the major cities of the North, from Washington to New York to Boston, as well as destroying the blockading vessels of the Union. But the Virginia was not a sea-going vessel, her patched-up engines, which had been condemned before the War, would render any voyage at sea too hazardous to begin. It is most doubtful that her draft of twenty two feet would have permitted her to pass shoals in the Potomac below Washington. Despite these handicaps, however, she was destined to win undying fame in the sheltered waters of Hampton Roads.

#### THE BATTLE OF HAMPTON ROADS

There are many reports on the battle in Hampton Roads, but this one seemed to us to be fair to both sides, as well as can be told from checking various versions:

The untried ironclad Virginia, whose green crew had had but a few days training in handling her ten heavy guns, and whose maiden voyage would be a battle, left Norfolk at 11 o'clock on the morning of Saturday, March 8. On appointing Flag Officer Franklin Buchanan to the command of the James River Squadron, Secretary Mallory gave him no specific orders, but pointed out the wisdom of using the formidable powers of the Virginia as a ram, in view of the great shortage of ammunition. The Virginia had been furnished only shells to use against the wooden ships of the Union fleet; none of the armor-piercing projectiles (called bolts) had been ordered to use against the Monitor, if it should come to Hampton Roads. The Virginia and her escorting vessels sank the U.S. Sloop Cumberland by ramming and the frigate Congress by shelling; when the Confederates withdrew at dark, the Virginia had lost two men killed and nineteen wounded, including Flag Officer Buchanan, who turned the command over to Lt. Catesby ap Rogers Jones. Besides the loss of her iron prow, and the muzzels of two of her guns, the bow leaked, her armor was "somewhat damaged; the anchors and all the flag-staffs shot away and smokestack and steam pipe were riddled." This was no great price to pay, however, for the severe defeat inflicted on the Union forces. Confederate hopes were high for a still more decisive triumph on the morrow.



Map of Hampton Roads showing the position of the ships on March 8, 9, 1862

To the relief of the despondent Union forces, the Monitor reached Hampton Roads at nine o'clock Saturday evening, and soon proceeded to the assistance of the grounded frigate Minnesota (a sister ship of the Merrimack). At eight the next morning, when the Virginia stood down to attack the stranded frigate, there began the first fight between ironclads, one of the strangest encounters on record. For four hours the two vessels fought, part of the time touching each other, without inflicting serious damage, and with only a single casualty. The two XI-inch smooth-bore guns in the Ericsson turret fired over forty 168-pounder solid cast-iron shot, of poor quality, unfit for armor piercing. Specific orders prevented Worden from using charges heavier than fifteen pounds, less than half as much powder as was later used with safety. Having no bolts for use against armor, the Virginia fired nothing save shell, against which her adversary's armor afforded protection. Despite the assistance of Chief Engineer Stimers in working the turret, the inexperienced crew found that aiming the guns was "almost impossible." Most of the Virginia's fire, on the other hand, passed completely over the low raft-like structure. In maneuvering for position, the light-draft Monitor, able to take refuge on the shoals, and to turn with far greater rapidity, showed to great advantage. The great length and draft of the Virginia in narrow channels with little depth of water under her rudder, made it hard to steer

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Our ancestors willingly accepted privation to be free of government bondage. We willingly accept the yoke of government for the promise of a full stomach and easy life. From us our children will inherit a cheapened remnant of freedom - along with the bill for our shortsighted selfishness.

There is a much-quoted aphorism on government which, while it is by no means a complete or perfect truth, deserves careful consideration by our legislators in their lawmaking and by us in the demands we make upon our legislators: That government governs best which governs least."

#### NEW SOUVENIR CARD FOR ANA SHOW



Mr. James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, announced that a souvenir card was to be issued in conjunction with Bureau exhibit participation at the ANA's 85th Convention, August 24 - 29, 1976, in New York City.

The subject of the card is a reproduction of the engraving of the reverse of the \$2 Silver Certificate, Series 1896, designed and executed by Thomas F. Morris, Chief of the Engraving Division of the Bureau at that time. It complements the face printing of this class, denomination, and series which

was issued as a souvenir card in 1972, entitled "Science Presenting Steam and Electricity to Commerce and Manufacture". Appropriately, the portraits of two inventors, Robert Fulton and Samuel Morse, appear on this back design to reflect their contributions to science in the fields of steam and electric power.

Cards are priced at \$1.50 each and may be ordered by mail from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for delivery after August 24.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We regret to inform our members of the death of VNA member John M. (Jack) Britt, Sr., of Boykins, Virginia, who was also a charter member of the Meherrin Valley Coin Club, and an active member in business, community and civic affairs, as well as in the United Methodist Church.

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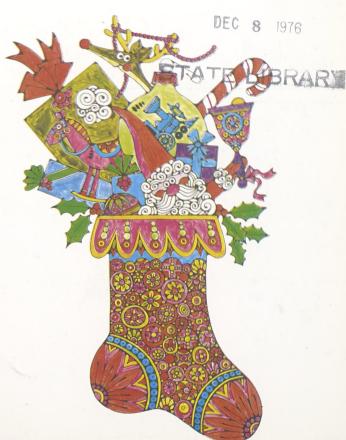
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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



This is being written on the day before election day. As of this time I do not know whom will win the elections for state or national offices. But I do know that the members of The Virginia Numismatic Association were winners in our two bicentennial projects during the year of 1976: the special July 4th issue of The Virginia Numismatist and our 18th Annual Convention in Alexandria the third weekend in September.

I want to thank all of the people for the work they did to make both of these projects so successful and so enjoyable for our members and our friends from Virginia and all over the country.

Looking ahead to next year, please make arrangements now to be with us the third weekend of September 1977 in Williamsburg for our 19th Annual Convention in that historic colonial city.

As we start on our third century, let's all continue to help V.N.A. grow and bring new members into the fold to enjoy the pleasure and knowledge to be found in numismatics, in our great state of Virginia.

From our family to your families, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and best wishes for 1977.

George Miller President, V.N.A.

#### WILL HISTORY REPEAT?

One of the most widely read books of all time "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire", written in 1788 by Edward Gibbon, sets forth five basic reasons why that great civilization withered and died. These were:

- The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis for human society.
- Higher and higher taxes: the spending of public money for free bread and circuses for the populace.
- The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.
- The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within the decay of individual responsibility.
- The decay of religion: faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people.

The oft-heard warning that "history repeats itself" has an ominous meaning in the light of the above. - copied

#### 1976 ANNUAL CONVENTION NOTES

We are again dividing the report on our Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association into two parts. The photographic portion will be found in another section of this issue.

Everyone that we talked to agreed that our 1976 Bicentennial Annual Convention was one of the best they remembered attending, and the club members and officers were pleased with our first convention in the northern Virginia area (even the folks that got lost didn't seem to be very upset about it, we just are not used to big cities anymore).

The two large rooms at the hotel accommodated more bourse tables and display cases, with plenty of room for the visitors to look and talk and buy from the dealers, as well as to examine the many interesting displays.

Both the folks from Jess Peters, Inc., and the buyers were pleased with the results of the auction sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The visitors who availed themselves of the tours to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and to the numismatic displays of the Smithsonian Institution were greatly pleased with the gracious welcome they received.

Ballots for the new terms for officers and directors for the coming year were counted at the annual meeting.

Many member clubs were represented at the Club Breakfast on Sunday morning, after which those present considered a wide range of problems, solutions, program ideas and made suggestions as to how the clubs could better serve the needs of their members.

Following the excellent dinner, awards for the year were presented:

For displays:

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Herbert Hall, Silver Spring, Maryland
Richard L. Kawzinski, Magnolia, Delaware
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Tom Norris, Alexandria, Virginia
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Arlie Slabaugh, Springfield, Pennsylvania

Junior Award: Kevin S. Lewis, Dover, Delaware

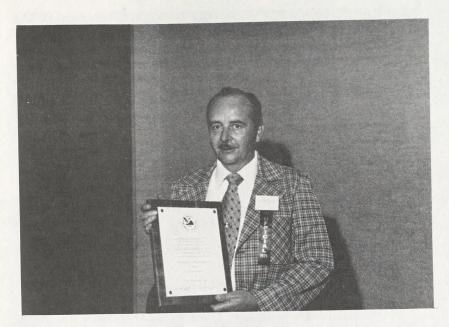
Receiving thanks for exhibits displayed were: Ralph Hicks, Linus Goyette, Louis E. Doucet, Grover McDonald, Sr., L.K. Chavis, Arthur S. Clouser, Jr., Raymond Haymaker and Don Roberts.



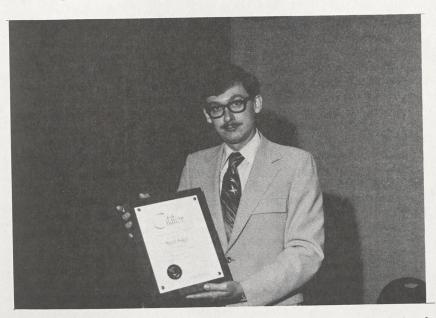
Best of Show: David Shenkman, Indian Head, Maryland



Charles Affleck Award: Stephen Taylor, Dover, Delaware



The Man of the Year Award was presented to Elvin B. Miller.



Henry E. Hawkins was presented an award for his work with National Coin Week in Virginia, 1976.

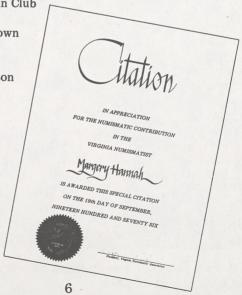


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Board Members - James M. Beard, Walter L. Mason, Jr., Robert M. New and Howard E. Spain.

After these were introduced, he inducted all of the officers and board members for the coming year.



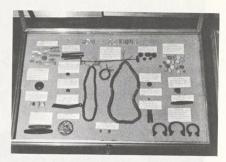
Then Grover Criswell introduced our dinner speaker, Mr. Robert B. Charles, Vice President of the American Bank Note Company. Mr. Charles presented an extremely interesting and informative talk on the history and operations of his company, and followed this with a slide visit to the plant where so many of their products are made. He said that unfortunately he was not allowed to present any samples of the various forms of currency they produce, but he did give each person there a folder showing some of the beautiful examples of the engravings they use on them. Then he presented a copy of the book "The Story of American Bank Note Company" to the V.N.A. Since the company does not usually seek any publicity, we felt that we were privileged to hear and see his program.

Various other programs and presentations were enjoyed during the four day meeting.

The three gold coins were drawn by visitors from Washington, D.C. and from Elkton and Mechanicsville, Virginia.

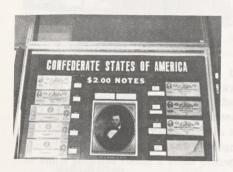
President George Miller announced that the next annual convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association would be held the third weekend in September 1977 at the 1976 Inn, Williamsburg, Virginia, and suggested that now was the time to start planning for this visit to our colonial capital.





























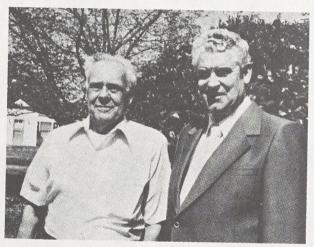




#### ROANOKE MAN DONATES LICENSE PLATE COLLECTION

The following story from the July 1976 issue of the BULLETIN of the Division of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth of Virginia has no direct connection with numismatics, except that Bill Hannah is a long-time member of V.N.A. and his collection is an interesting type of material from the past years of our state, and as such will be of interest to us too.

Mr. William Hannah of Roanoke, Virginia, has given DMV a present - a box of license plates. But these are not just <u>any</u> license plates, they reflect Virginia's history of motor vehicle registration. There is special significance in the collection in that the plates all belonged to Mr. Hannah and his family.



From 1910 - 1932, the plates were issued to Abraham Thomas Howell, William Hannah's grandfather.

Russell M. Howell continued the collection from 1933 - 39, when it was completed by Hannah (1940 - 1976). All plates are authentic except the first 1906, which is an exact replica of the original. There is no date on that plate because when the first motor vehicle registration legislation was enacted in 1906, the license plates were issued for the life of the vehicle. It wasn't until 1910 that yearly registration was required.

Through 1913, Virginia license plates were porcelain enamel, manufactured by The Baltimore Enamel and Novelty Company, Baltimore, Maryland (through 1912). The last of the porcelain plates (1913) was made by Ingram and Richardson Manufacturing Company, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

Due to the metal shortage during World War II, DMV came up with the idea of a "decal" to update the 1942 plate. The yellow metal 1943 decal

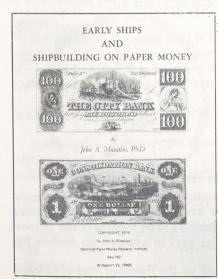
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was displayed on the upper right hand corner of the black on white plate. The decal idea was used once again, in '52, before we converted to our present system. This was smaller, and fitted in the lower right.

Another interesting plate was issued in 1944. The basic problem with the fibreboard material it was made from is reputed to have been that goats enjoyed them for lunch!

Virginia license plates have been many sizes and colors, as shown in the picture. Another interesting feature of the collection is that since 1947, Mr. Hannah has held the number 3-773.

Due to Mr. Hannah's generosity, fellow Virginians will be able to view this aspect of Virginia's history when the plates are prominently displayed in the new DMV Headquarters building.



#### EARLY SHIPS AND SHIPBUILDING ON PAPER MONEY

by John A. Muscalus, Ph.D.

This new offering by Dr. Muscalus will be of interest to collectors of early paper money and all of us interested in the history of early ships in this country. Many of the notes are illustrated. Copies are available to V.N.A. members from the author at \$5.50 each.

#### GENERAL LAFAYETTE AT PETERSBURG

By: Gerald Perry

In late April of 1781 General Phillips (The British Commander) with 2,500 troops marched on Petersburg, VA. His objective was to destroy the tobacco trade and take over all public stores. To oppose him on the outskirts of Petersburg were about 1,000 men, mostly raw militia. On April 25, 1781 in the battle of Petersburg the Americans offered stubborn resistance in the Blandford area. They could not hold the British back and were forced to retreat over Pocahontas Bridge and up Archers Hill where they made their stand.

On May 9, 1781 General Lafayette arrived at Archers Hill, which is now the Township of Colonial Heights, a few hundred yards across the Appomattox River from Petersburg. He had been in retreat from Lord Cornwallis. General Lafayette with his 1,200 men had been fighting a cat and mouse game with General Cornwallis over the last few weeks. Cornwallis was not able to capture Lafayette as he had planned or to destroy his forces.

General Lafayette had a slight advantage with the area which he now controlled - the High ground North of Petersburg. On May 10, 1781 Lafayette began to shell the British troops in the city. It is said that Lafayette directed most of the cannon fire on General Phillips Headquarters, which was located on Bollingbrook St. in Petersburg. General Phillips had become ill and while lying on his death bed said "That French Boy General will not let me die in peace". He died at Bollingbrook on May 13, 1781 and was buried at Blandford Churchyard.

On Archer's Hill in Colonial Heights there now stands a marker, a memorial to General Lafayette and his men who shelled the British force in Petersburg, VA on May 10, 1781.



Preliminary sketch of the new Petersburg Medal

Designed by Gerald Perry of the Southside Virginia Numismatic Association, a limited edition of silver and bronze numbered medals showing General Lafayette at Petersburg was scheduled to be released in late October.

The medal shows Lafayette standing next to a cannon on Archers Hill and is silver dollar size (39 mm).

Fifty sets of the medal will be struck by the Hamilton Mint of Chicago. It was reported that they were all sold in the Petersburg area.

## news of our clubs

#### MEHERRIN VALLEY COIN CLUB

The annual dinner meeting of the Club will be held in Boykins on December 15th., at 7 PM. Howard E. Spain, V.N.A. Board Member, will present the program.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

Features of recent meetings were: a report of the V.N.A. Annual Meeting, an auction, distribution of Red Books, the presentation of a slate of officers for next year, and planning for the annual coin show next April.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Fall programs presented film and spoken programs on the history of Israel and the beginnings of its coinage.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Talks by James E. Morris on "Contemporary Gold Coins of Mexico" and by Michael S. Shutty, Jr., on "Major Silver Dollar Varities" headlined the fall meetings at the Virginia Wesleyan College Library in Norfolk, Plans are now being started for COIN-A-RAMA 1977.

#### MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Our friends to the north of us in the great Free State of Maryland had an excellent annual convention this past summer, and are working on fall programs for their members, including their Seminar at Catonsville Community College near Baltimore early in November.

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Fall programs included "On Paper, Wood, and Cissna Scrip", by Juanita McKeown and "Heads or Tails?", by Diane Dietz, as well as exhibits and raffles by and for members and guests.

#### MIDDLE ATLANTIC NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Dealers, exhibits, food and sightseeing were all available to visitors in the King of Prussia area of Pennsylvania in October at the MANA Annual Convention.

#### SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Members reported on their visits to the V.N.A. Annual Convention in Alexandria and started plans for the Coin and Stamp Show to be held at the Ramada Inn in Petersburg, reached by Exit 3 from Interstate 95. For information on the show, write: Gerald Perry, Show Chairman, 2205 Terrace Avenue, Hopewell, Virginia 23860 or Telephone 804-541-0749.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Reports on the V.N.A. Annual Convention, a swap session, an auction, "What's Your Coin" games were features of the fall programs. The Club will issue to members a special bicentennial plaque with a \$2 bill postmarked on July 4th, 1976 at Yorktown and a set of the 1976 silver coins, designed and made by Frank Hannah.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

The 5th Annual Coin Show in September was the highlight of the fall programs of the Club in the city of Dover, across the Chesapeake Bay in Delaware.

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Frank Cacciapaglia completed his series of three programs on U.S. Type Coin Collecting at the September meeting. At the October meeting, the Rockingham Coin Club from Harrisonburg came and visited as a group. Sam Gilmore presented a very interesting talk on The Starting of the First Mint, followed by refreshments and a social hour. A coin auction closed the meeting. The Club plans to hold the election of officers at the November meeting and a Christmas Banquet at the Farmstead in Verona on December 11th. For the coming year the Annual Coin Show will be held March 12 and 13, 1977 at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn at Staunton. The Club has enjoyed good attendance all year at the interesting and varied programs.

#### RICHMOND COIN CLUB

The 1976 club picnic, held August 1st at Louise Jones' Lockkeeper's House in Goochland County, was one of the club's most successful outings to date. The food, weather, turnout and companionship were termed as outstanding by all those attending. Auctions, election of officers and the annual Christmas party with the installation of officers will complete the year's meetings.

## Calendar of Coin Shows

CLUB	LOCATION	DATE
Northern Virginia Coin Club	Vienna Comm. Center	Nov. 13 - 14
Tennessee State Num. Soc. Blue Ridge Museum Show	Civic Center Knoxville, Tenn.	Dec. 10 - 12
Camden Coin Club Blue Ridge Museum Show	Camden Rec. Center Camden, S.C.	Dec. 17 - 19
Southside Virginia Numismatic Assoc.	Ramada Inn Petersburg	Feb. 1977
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Red Carpet Inn Staunton	Mar. 12 - 13
Tidewater Coin Club	Mariner Motor Resort Inn Virginia Beach	Mar. 19 - 20
Lower Cape Fear Coin Club Azalea Festival Coin Show	Elks Club 5102 Oleander Drive Wilmington, N.C.	Apr. 15 - 17
Salem Coin Club	Tanglewood Mall Shopping Center	Apr. 16 - 17
Memphis Coin Club Paper Money Convention	Holiday Inn Rivermont 200 W. Georgia Ave. Memphis, Tennessee	Jun. 4 - 5
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke	Jul. 30 - 31
American Numismatic Assoc.	Atlanta, Georgia	Aug. 23 - 28
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# a Tale Of Two Ships

#### THE MONITOR . . . . THE VIRGINIA

by Don Roberts

Cont. from last issue . . .

and turn her. Once she ran aground. Once, on the other hand, she did manage to ram her antagonist, but the absence of her ram rendered the blow more harmful to the attacker than to the attacked. Twice Jones thought he had silenced the Monitor's fire. The first time she had hauled off into shoal water, to hoist a fresh supply of shot into the turret. The second time, shortly before noon, a shell from the Virginia broke one of the iron logs forming the Monitor's pilot house, forcing splinters of iron into the eyes of Lt. Worden. Temporarily blind, and believing that the pilot house was seriously disabled, the Union commander directed the pilot to sheer off, and sent for Lt. Greene, who took him to his quarters and then assumed command.

As to whether the Monitor returned to the fray before the Virginia made for Norfolk, the sources are hopelessly in conflict. Both ships had depleted their coal and ammunition, both of the crews had been on duty for several days, both sets of officers thought that the other vessel had returned to its base. At all events, when the Monitor turned away, the men on the Minnesota felt their hour had come. The Virginia, however, was leaking forward, where she had lost her ram the day before; and her pilots insisted that if she did not return to Norfolk at once she could not cross the bar until the next day. Jones, who believed the Minnesota was too seriously damaged ever to move again, with the advice of his lieutenants gave the order to turn for home.

When the Virginia, now under the command of Flag Officer Josiah Tattnall, sallied forth on April 11, she was, thanks to her added underwater armor belt, improved ram, and set of port shutters, a much more formidable craft than when she fought on March 8 and 9. Also, now she was equipped with 120-pound "bolts" for armor piercing, specially made at the Tredegar Iron Works, of solid iron, square on the end, and with steel points. But the Monitor, under strict orders from Washington, refused to accept the challenge each time she came out.

When General Johnson abandoned the lines at Yorktown on May 3, the authorities at Richmond ordered the evacuation of Norfolk. While preparations for this movement were in progress, the Monitor and several other Union vessels attached the Confederate batteries on Sewell's Point on May 8, but retreated when the Virginia made her appearance. Union troops began landing at Willoughby's Point on the night of the 9th, and occupied Norfolk the next day. On learning that the enemy troops were approaching Norfolk, Tattnall ordered the Virginia to be lightened sufficiently to permit her to ascend the James River. When she had been lightened several feet, exposing her underwater belt, only part of which was plated with iron thicker than one inch, the pilots "declared their inability to carry 18 feet above the

Jamestown Flats, up to which point the shore was occupied by the enemy." Deeming it impossible to bring the vessel down to fighting draft with the means at his disposal, Tattnall set fire to his vessel, which blew up a little before 5 o'clock in the morning of May 11 at Craney Island. Although this act provoked bitter criticism, a court martial later unanimously awarded Tatnall an honorable acquittal.

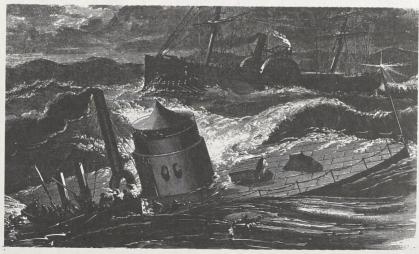
The crew of the Virginia rowed or swam to the shore, and were marched toward Richmond. But they were able to gain a partial revenge on the Monitor, when they were sent to assist in the defense of Fort Darling, an earthen defense system built on top of Drewry's Bluff, a high bank on the James where it narrowed about eight miles below Richmond, With their aid, the defenders repulsed the attack of the Monitor, the Galena, and three wooden gunboats sent up the river to attack Richmond. This time, there was no question as to which side had won, or which side stayed in the field after the enemy fled. Small consolation for losing their ship, perhaps, but in the battle of the ironclads they had the last word.

#### END OF THE MONITOR

After the end of the Peninsula campaign, the Monitor was ordered to Washington to be overhauled. After the repairs, she stayed there, visited daily by admiring crowds.

On the 29th of December the Monitor started south, headed for Wilmington, North Carolina, under tow of the side-wheel steamer Rhode Island. The night of the 31st of December, in a heavy gale off Cape Hatteras, she was swamped by the waves, with a loss of 16 men.

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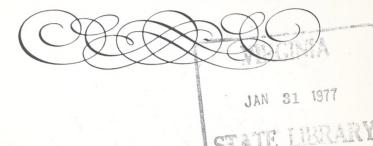
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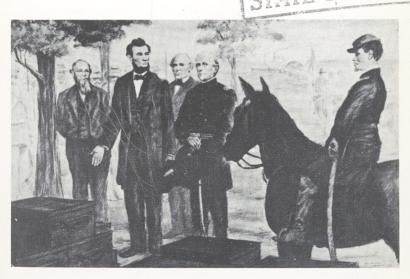
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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Now that the holiday season is over I hope that it was a memorable one, with perhaps a new coin or note added to your collection. We did not have a white Christmas in Harrisonburg but Santa made it all right and everyone faired good. My only problem each year is that I eat too much, so it is good that we make our New Years Resolutions right after Christmas. You can guess what mine is.

We have plenty to look forward to

in 1977, including our convention in September at Williamsburg. This is shaping up to be one of the best yet, and perhaps the most beautiful facilities we have ever had. I can picture "Foots" Byer in a colonial 3 corner hat now! Mark this on your calendar and plan to attend.

Louis Doucet will be chairman of the 1977 Coin Week in Virginia and he will be contacting clubs and individuals for help on this project. Please give him your support. Coin Week gives us a change to show off our hobby to others and also a chance to sign up those that are interested in our organization.

My best wishes to each of you with my hopes that this new year will be rewarding for everyone.

George Miller President, VNA

#### COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA - 1977

Chairman Louis Doucet has advised that he will be writing all clubs in VNA concerning plans and proposed activities for the 1977 Coin Week in Virginia - the third week in April.

All clubs and members are ex-officio members of this committee. Lou will be making suggestions, but the displays, talks, and other activities will be done by those of us in each local community, as it is every year.

This is the time that we have the opportunity to share with all of our friends and neighbors the fun and knowledge of numismatics.

As it did last year, the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club in Hampton and Newport News will buy additional books on coins, currency and medals to be placed in the public libraries, along with their usual activities.

Please share with Chairman Lou and The Virginia Numismatist the details of your activities during this important week of the year.

#### PRESIDENT LINCOLN AT FORT MONROE

Shown on the cover is a picture postcard from the Ben Duncan collection depicting President Lincoln at Fort Monroe with other Union officials looking out over Hampton Roads after the battle between the Union Monitor and The CSA Ironclad Virginia, while plans were being made to capture Norfolk. The success of this operation made it impossible for the Virginia to operate from the Gosport Navy Yard at Portsmouth.

## BICENTENNIAL PLAQUE ISSUED BY THE VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Members of the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club were greatly pleased to receive their plaques at the December meeting of the Club.

Designed and fabricated by Frank Hannah, with the help of members of his family, the plaques feature the 1976 two dollar bill, stamped and postmarked at Yorktown on July 4, 1976, along with the bicentennial U.S. quarter, half and dollar size coins, enclosed in an attractive wooden frame, along with a card showing the member's name.

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> By Lawrence K. Chavis

This being the celebrated numismatic journey of our bicentennial year, I would like to present to you a numismatic package — tied with a patriotic ribbon. I wish to talk about a ship — rather a symbolic ship. Ships have fascinated many across the years, and over the long haul there have been many launchings. Launchings call for great celebrations, fanfare, and much jubilation.

The ship that I call to your attention was launched 200 years ago. It was on July 4, 1776, to be exact, that the "Old Ship of State" set sail. It sailed out on waters flowing from those "great wells of democracy that had been dug deep by the founding fathers in the formulation of the constitution and declaration of independence." Over these 200 years the Ship of State has had 37 captains, or chiefs, or commanders in chief, if you prefer. Over this period of time, the ship has sailed through some stormy seas; it's been through some rough and turbulent waters. Yes, it's navigated through some dark and lonely nights, but it has withstood the poundings of the tem-



pestuous waves of the Civil War and of World Wars I and II. It has survived the devastating storms of Vietnam and Watergate. Nevertheless, through all these difficult times there has always been one at the helm to guide the ship safely on its way.

To this some will say that nature provides the man for the occasion. Others will say that it is part of divine providence, and still others will say that time, circumstances, events, and the man converge at the proper time and there emerges a hero. I do not know what your philosophy is — but I do know that history reveals that over the years there has always been a captain equal to the task that lies ahead. Just as more than a hundred years ago:

When the Norn Mother saw the Whirlwind Hour Greatening and darkening as it hurried on, She left the Heaven of Heroes and came down To make a man to meet the mortal need. She took the tried clay of the common road — Clay warm yet with the genial heat of Earth, Dasht through it all a strain of prophecy; Tempered the heap with thrill of human tears; Then mixt a laughter with the serious stuff. Into the shape she breathed a flame to light That tender, tragic, ever-changing face; And laid on him a sense of the Mystic Powers, Moving — all husht — behind the mortal vail. Here was a man to hold against the world, A man to match the mountains and the sea.

The color of the ground was in him, the red earth; The smack and tang of elemental things: The rectitude and patience of the cliff; The good-will of the rain that loves all leaves; The friendly welcome of the wayside well; The courage of the bird that dares the sea; The gladness of the wind that shakes the corn; The pity of the snow that hides all scars; The secrecy of streams that make their way Under the mountain to the rifted rock; The tolerance and equity of light That gives as freely to the shrinking flower As to the great oak flaring to the wind -To the grave's low hill as to the Matterhorn That shoulders out the sky. Sprung from the West, He drank the valorous youth of a new world. The strength of virgin forests braced his mind,

The hush of spacious prairies stilled his soul. His words were oaks in acorns; and his thoughts Were roots that firmly gript the granite truth.

Up from log cabin to the Capitol,
One fire was on his spirit, one resolve —
To send the keen ax to the root of wrong,
Clearing a free way for the feet of God,
The eyes of conscience testing every stroke,
To make his deed the measure of a man.
He built the rail-pile as he built the State,
Pouring his splendid strength through every blow:
The grip that swung the ax in Illinois
Was on the pen that set a people free.

So came the Captain with the mighty heart; And when the judgment thunders split the house, Wrenching the rafters from their ancient rest. He held the ridgepole up, and spikt again The rafters of the Home. He held his place — Held the long purpose like a growing tree — Held on through blame and faltered not at praise. And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs, Goes down with a great shout upon the hills, And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

As loyal passengers on the mighty ship, let us hope and work and pray that the Ship of State will sail on and on, under the command of future captains, possessed with keen vision and statesmanship of high and noble caliber, until it reaches that beautiful shore of the land envisioned by the founding fathers, "where justice rolls down like waters and righteousness a mighty stream."

Markham, Edwin. "Lincoln, the Man of the People," <u>One Hundred and One Famous Poems.</u> Revised Edition. Ed. Roy J. Cook, Chicago: Reilly and Lee, Publishers, 1929.

#### IN MEMORIAM

We regret to report the death of valued VNA member Dr. John A. Sawhill of Harrisonburg, Virginia. Also Mr. Donald Lewis Hamlett of Baltimore, Maryland.

#### NEW COINS AND PAPER MONEY SERIES COMING?

With the new administration in January comes the probability of a new series of currency and the possibility of new coinage values or designs, according to articles in the national press.

It is expected that a new Secretary of the Treasury will cause a change in

the signatures on our currency, as in the past.

Various possibilities were outlined in the report made to the Treasury as to coinage needs in the coming decades, with suggestions as to ways to meet them: eliminate some denominations of coins, add new values and change some sizes. These were suggestions; all, some or none of the proposed changes may be made, but at the present time none of them are certain.

In connection with this, we would like to share with you portions of a

letter we read during the holidays:

#### "Dear Santa:

I know that you are very busy this time of year and receive lots of letters asking for things to be left under trees on Christmas Eve, but I hope that you will have a few small goodies left over for me and some of my friends here in Virginia.

With all the traveling you do, you must know a lot of the folks in the big

city of Washington, over on the other side of the Potomac River.

Would you ask a couple of these kind people to do some small favors for us?

First, would you thank Mr. Conlon for the beautiful new two dollar bills we got this year, and ask him to use some more of the fine looking reverses from the large size National Bank notes on the new series of currency com-

ing with the new President?

Secondly, would you try to convince Mrs. Brooks to issue a series of half dollar commemoratives for each of the states, one each year? and maybe a new design for our dollar? One of our members told me he suggested the design of the Winged Liberty for the dollar size. It seems too bad that we have to go to other countries to buy commemorative coins, when so many people here would like to have them from our own country.

We hope you will have time to sample some fruit cake and egg nog that is under the tree - but remember to fly carefully. Merry Christmas and Happy

New Year.

#### (signed) A Virginia Numismatist"

Unfortunately, the copy we saw self-destructed as soon as we read it, so the wording may have been a little different. It would sure be nice if Santa could help us!

#### **GLEANINGS**

#### A Credible Warning

Somewhere in a file of literary detritus we came across a clipping, author unknown, that stated a warning to us. The sulphides in the newsprint long since had turned the material a deep creamy yellow, but the words were clear; both in legibility and in thought.

The clip was this:

The average of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progress through this sequence:

From Bondage to Spiritual Faith

From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage

From Courage to Liberty

From Liberty to Abundance

From Abundance to Selfishness

From Selfishness to Complacency

From Complacency to Apathy

From Apathy to Dependency

From Dependency back again into Bondage

There are many scholars who read the Book of Revelations in an attempt to sort out the divine purpose. The sequence noted above ought to give all of us pause, for the sequence is timely, it is logical, and we can easily pinpoint our own frame of mind both individually and as a nation in the dismal chronology.

If it has any credibility at all, we should be asking ourselves some searching questions.

Especially since we are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of this nation.

#### Golden Loopholes

How are the British getting around high income taxes?

Well, the seven employees of the St. James Printing Company in Croydon have found a way. They are paid in gold sovereigns.

Each sovereign has a face value of one pound sterling equals these days to about \$1.60. But on the gold market, each sovereign sells for between 25 pounds sterling and 30 pounds sterling - or about \$40 to \$48.

A St. James printer receiving, say, 10 sovereigns a week is receiving the face value equivalent of 10 times \$1.60 — or about \$16, not even a taxable wage. So he pays no income tax.

But actually he is receiving, because of the gold value in each sovereign, the equivalent of 10 times about \$45,—or \$450, clearly a taxable sum. The workers then sell the sovereigns on the gold market.

"It is all perfectly legal and it works," says the company's president, Billy Chandler. "I do everything perfectly legally and above board. In fact I went to the trouble of telling the Inland Revenue people what I was doing. I will carry on doing it until I am told by Inland Revenue that what I am doing is wrong."

That probably was his fatal mistake. If the Inland Revenue people in England are anything like the voracious hawks at the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, it won't be long before they swoop through the golden loophole

and devour large hunks of the printers' sovereign income.

- Richmond News-Leader

## Calendar of Coin Shows

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CLUB	LOCATION	DATE
Northern Virginia Coin Club	Vienna Community Center 120 Cherry Street	Jan. 29-30
Suburban Washington D C Show & Educational Forum	Sheraton Inn New Carrollton, Md.	Feb. 25-27
Southside Virginia Numismatic Assn.	Ramada Inn, I-95, Exit 3 Petersburg	Feb. 27
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Red Carpet Inn Staunton	Mar. 12-13
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## news of our clubs

#### MEHERRIN VALLEY COIN CLUB

The annual dinner meeting of the Club was held at Tommy's Restaurant in Boykins in December. All candidates for officers for the coming year presented by the nominating committee were elected. After dinner, Howard Spain introduced Frank Hannah, who presented a VNA slide program. These folks are most gracious hosts to guests at the meeting.

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Midwinter programs included Coins and Tokens of the Yukon, by Karl Hike, and election of officers for the new year, discussion of proposed club activities and the annual Christmas party.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

Featured at the November and December meetings were the annual banquet, a talk by Chuck O'Donnell on modern United States currency and the annual election of officers. These folks are always active in visiting, exhibiting and working with their own and other clubs. Keep up the good work!

#### RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Features of the year end meetings in downtown Richmond were the election of officers for the coming year, auctions and the annual Christmas party.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

President Carolyn Gearhart presented a slide program on "Ships on Medals" and exhibited some of the ones used for the slides. New officers proposed and elected for the coming year are: President - Harry Holland, Vice-Pres. - Mal Powell, Sec.-Treas. - Jim Ross and Sgt-at-Arms - Bob Coltrain. Plans are being made for the annual dinner meeting in February. A committee was appointed to work on 1977 Coin Week in Virginia. The special bicentennial plaques were distributed to members, and a special vote of thanks was extended to Frank Hannah and his family for them.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

A special film on the Massada and a Chanukah party were scheduled for the last months of the old year in Norfolk, at the Jewish Community Center and the Lake Wright Motel.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Sharon Madigan presented a program on "Paper money from an aesthetic or artistic point of view" in November, and the Christmas party at the Lake Wright Motel was to be held in December. Plans for the annual dinner and the COIN-A-RAMA 1977 to be held at the Mariner Resort Motor Inn in Virginia Beach on March 19th and 20th are going ahead. Frank and Laurese Katen will present the auction at the Show.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

Year end meetings were to feature an election of officers, the Christmas party and plans for the Coin Show next year.

#### SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Members at the year end were working on election of officers, the Christmas party, and plans for the Coin and Stamp Show to be held at the Ramada Inn in Petersburg, reached by Exit 3 from I-95. For show information write: Gerald Perry, Show Chairman, 2205 Terrace Avenue, Hopewell, Virginia 23860 or telephone him at 804-541-0749. VNA 2nd Vice President Louis E. Doucet, a member of the Club, is Chairman for the 1977 Coin Week in Virginia for VNA.

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

The folks over in the Valley had plans for election of officers and a Christmas party in December. Next spring the Annual Coin Show will be held March 12 and 13 and The Ingleside Red Carpet Inn at Staunton.

NOTE: We are sure that all the other coin clubs in Virginia have been active, but no other reports have reached us during the year end season. All club secretaries are asked to send us their reports to share with the other clubs.

## REVISED CATALOG OF CONFEDERATE CURRENCY ISSUED

A new fifth edition of the catalog "Confederate States of America Paper Money" has been issued by the author, Arlie R. Slabaugh, and will be of interest to all collectors of Confederate currency. Printed by Hewitt Publications, copies are available from the author at 1025 Crozer Lane, Springfield, Penna. 19064, for \$2.50.

# a Tale Of Two Ships

#### THE MONITOR . . . . THE VIRGINIA

by Don Roberts

Cont. from last issue . .

#### AFTER THE BATTLE

The original Monitor, designed by John Ericsson and built under his supervision, was only the first of her type to serve in the United States Navy. Between October 4, 1861, the date that the contract for Monitor was signed, and 1937, the year in which Cheyenne (ex Wyoming) was stricken from the Navy List, 71 monitors were ordered for the Navy, of which about 50 actually saw commissioned service.

Between 1861 and 1865 the U.S. Navy made great strides in the design of turreted ironclads. The original Monitor was a relatively small, single turreted vessel mounting two XI-inch Dahlgren smoothbores as her main armament. Her size, low power and speed, and certain design defects limited her to service on protected waters such as harbors and rivers. On her second such excursion into the North Atlantic, in December 1862, she foundered off Cape Hatteras.

As reported in an article in the Norfolk Virginia Pilot in 1966, various salvors raised parts of the hull of the Virginia from the bottom off Craney Island. Canes and other relics of the famous vessel were fabricated from her beams, many of which were sold in and about the City of Norfolk.

Many efforts have been made to locate and identify the remains of the Monitor, somewhere off Hatteras. Various divers say they have seen her, but were unable to return to the site when forced to leave by the violent waves and currents.

Finally, several expeditions sponsored jointly by the Navy, the National Geographic Society and Duke University, using new equipment and sophisticated underwater detection units, were successful in locating and definitely identifying the distinctive shape of the Monitor.

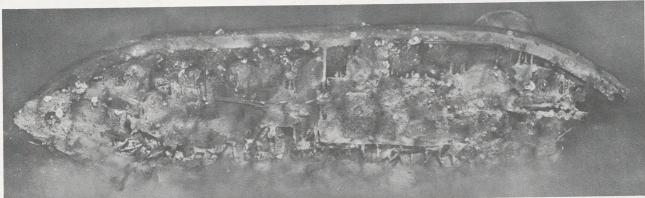
Natural defenses — depth and treacherous currents — long guarded the wreck; now legal protection, too, is extended to it. The Monitor site has been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

It may be, as has been said many times, that they are doomed by alliteration to be called the Monitor and the Merrimac.... But, please, when you come to the Commonwealth of Virginia, let us talk about the Monitor and the Virginia!

The Confederate armored ram Virginia (rebuilt from the U.S. frigate Merrimack) was one of two ships in the Confederate Navy to carry the name in the War Between the States.

In the United States Navy, the sixth vessel to carry the name of Virginia

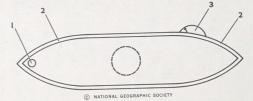
## Atlantic Reveals Secrets of Monitor's Grave After 111 Years



PHOTOGRAPHS BY GLEN TILLMAN, ALCOA MARINE CORPORATION: PHOTOMOSAIC BY U. S. NAVY

IRONCLAD U.S.S. *Monitor* lies upside down in this mosaic of undersea photos pieced together by Navy technicians. The Civil War vessel was found by a National Geographic-Duke University

team. Identifying features include: 1) distinctive anchor well at the bow; 2) armor belt around the hull; 3) the revolving gun turret, which slid off as the wreck sank and rests partly under the stern.



was launched last year at the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. As was reported in the Newport News paper, the first Virginia, also a frigate, was launched in Baltimore in 1777. The new one is classed as a frigate too, but is nuclear powered, rather than by the wind on its sails. There was probably as great a price differential as there was in the propulsion systems.

#### A SOUTHERN VIEW

Now the tale of the ships is told, we would like to share an editorial from THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER:

Upside down in the watery graveyard of pirate ships, the Monitor — that "Yankee cheesebox on a raft", as the Confederates called it — has been found off Hatteras. After resting in obscurity for more than 100 years, it will be closely studied by the Duke University scientists who found it and will be much written about. It is time, then, to correct a small historical detail.

The Union ship was, of course, one of the two ironclads which met for historic battle at Hampton Roads on March 9, 1862. The other vessel is referred to as "the Merrimack" or as often used, "the Merrimac." But that is wrong. Actually, the Monitor's opponent was the Confederate ironclad Virginia.

When Union forces abandoned the Norfolk naval yard in 1861, they burned several ships to deny the Confederates use of them. One was a steam frigate, the Merrimack, named for a New Hampshire river. The Confederates raised the ship and converted its upper decks with a casement of stout pine and oak sheathed in two layers of two-inch iron. Designed to break the Union blockade of Southern ports, the renamed Virginia initially was so successful that the Union was in a panic.

The Monitor, faster and more maneuverable, and with innovations such as a swivel-turret gun, was the Union's hope. The great battle was indecisive and both sides claimed victory. The Monitor later sank while being towed to reinforce the Blockade at Charleston, S.C. The Virginia was destroyed to prevent its capture by Union forces.

Probably the ships are referred to as the Monitor and the Merrimack for the alliterative value of those names. But maybe it is because, as the old Southern line goes, most of the history books were written by Yankees; from the Union point of view no legal Confederate government existed and therefore no Confederate government could rename a United States ship.

Duke, perhaps, should try to strike a bargain with the Yankees. It will allow them to have access to the Monitor if their historians will start referring to the battle between the Virginia and the Monitor.

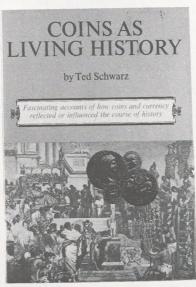
#### IN CLOSING

We hope that you have enjoyed this trip into the past of our great country

and seen some of its history come alive again through the magic of a two inch bronze medal.

Let us share a toast to the memory of all the brave Americans, both North and South, who risked (and sometimes gave) their lives in the hope that we all share: That, by the grace of God, our country may be a better place for our children to grow up in.

We wish to express our thanks to all of the persons and organizations who so graciously shared of their time and files to give information, suggestions and pictures for the article on the Union Monitor and the CSA Ironclad Ram Virginia. The battle took place over a century ago, but to those of us living on the shores of Hampton Roads it is an integral part of the history of our State and Nation, and we honor the memory of all concerned.



COINS AS LIVING HISTORY, by Ted Schwarz, Arco Publishing Co., New York, \$8.95 at book stores and coin shops.

This book will convince many readers that there is more to collecting than how many coins were struck, mint marks and varieties. Written in an interesting manner, it tells the story of how and why and of the people involved in many coins of the past. Money is made by and for people, and Mr. Schwarz tells his stories in a most interesting manner.

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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



I have just returned from a two day visit to Williamsburg and in my opinion that has to be the most interesting city I have ever visited. There are so many things to do and see that I did not get to cover all the ground I had planned to.

I like historic places like the restored area with the Governor's Palace and the Powder House, however, a British soldier with a musket blocked my entrance to the Powder House

due to my failing to buy the required ticket. The movie at the Information Center depicting the history of Williamsburg is excellent but I think the Wax Museum was my favorite stop. Maybe I liked it best because from there I had dinner at the King's Arms Inn and ate country ham with a three pronged pewter fork.

I failed to mention the fact that I also let my wife tag along. I had trouble keeping her out of the many antique and pewter shops along the way.

Williamsburg is where our convention will be this year in September, at the 1776 Inn. Convention plans include tours to the places I mentioned plus Busch Gardens, Jamestown, and ye olde Pottery Factory.

Plan to attend and bring the whole family. Let's make this our best convention ever. If Williamsburg was good enough for George Washington, it's good enough for the Rag Pickers and other members of the V.N.A.

George Miller President, V.N.A.

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The Virginia Numismatic Association and its members join with the American Numismatic Association in celebrating National Coin Week in Virginia during the third week in April, 1977.

This year's theme is: "Coins Are History", which provides us with any number of possibilities for displays, talks and articles to promote our great hobby and acquaint the general public with the history of coins, medals, currency and other numismatic items.

The Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia has proclaimed the third week of April to be: "National Coin Week in Virginia". Copies of the proclamation and posters for Coin Week 1977 will be sent to VNA member clubs for use in their displays and in libraries, etc. The Mayor of your city will probably give your Club a proclamation too, if you ask in time.

Exhibits are always interesting to collectors and non-collectors alike. Banks, libraries, stores, schools and other public places where your displays will be safe from harm are places to consider.

Numismatic talks and articles in local newspapers are timely, but must be arranged for ahead of time to get full benefit from them.

Take this opportunity to sign up new members for your local club and for The Virginia Numismatic Association. Try to get members who have not been coming to club meetings recently to become active again, and always remember that we must interest and support young collectors in their efforts to learn about our hobby.

And finally, collect information on your activities and report it to The Virginia Numismatist and to The American Numismatic Association. Share your promotion of National Coin Week in Virginia in 1977 with the rest of the collectors in Virginia. Be sure to tell Coin Week Chairman Lou Doucet all about it!

Most of all - remember that this is a do it yourself project - no one else will do it for us. Have a great National Coin Week in Virginia in 1977!

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### news of our clubs

#### ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

The Rockingham Coin Club held its annual Christmas Banquet Dec. 13, 1976, at the Sheraton Inn with 50 persons attending. Bluegrass music was presented by the Rockingham Trio. Officers for 1977 are: Henry Hawkins-Pres., Bill Branner-Vice-Pres., Phil Sharpe-Treas., Loretta Hawkins-Sec. and Clarence Neff-Grader. Plans are underway for the club's annual show to be held September 24-25, 1977, at The Sheraton Inn, Harrisonburg, Va. This is the home club of V.N.A. President George Miller, who invites all to come and enjoy the show. Inquiries may be addressed to Philip Sharpe, 208 Governors Lane, Harrisonburg, Va. 22801.

#### FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

Along with the regular winter programs, plans are now being made for the Club's Annual Coin Show, to be held April 23 and 24 at the Fredericksburg Community Center, Corner of Charles and Canal Streets, in Fredericksburg. All collectors are invited . . . . come see the show, add to your collection, see the city, visit the antique shops and have a nice lunch or dinner.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

Newly elected Club officers for 1977 are: Glenn Thomas-Pres., Emmett Yonce-Vice-pres., Bob Phlegar-Treas., Dean Davis-Sec. and Will Camp-Corr. Sec.

Plans are being made for the Annual Coin Show to be held at the Tanglewood Mall, Roanoke County, at Intersection of Routes 220 and 419, on Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24 (Please note the change of dates!). The Bourse Chairman is: Larry Booth, P.O. Box 1991, Roanoke, Virginia 24009. See the Valley in the Spring and visit the Show.

#### MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The 1977 Annual Convention and Show of M.S.N.A. will be held in Westminster, Maryland on April 16 and 17, and will be hosted by The Carroll County Coin Club in conjunction with their 10th Anniversary. Westminster is about 25 miles Northwest of Baltimore on Route 140. The Armory is located at Main Street and Longwell Ave., with the Municipal Parking Lot right next door. An Awards Breakfast will be held Sunday morning, featuring an outstanding speaker. For Bourse information, write: M.S.N.A. Bourse, P.O. Box 6533, Sparrows Point, Maryland 21219. Motels and restaurants are located near the Armory. There will be no admission charge. The folks from the Free State of Maryland always welcome fellow collectors at their meetings.

#### SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

New Club officers for 1977 are: Gerald Perry-Pres., Jurij Hranowskyj-Vice-Pres., Grover McDonald-Sec., J.C. Kollman-Treas., Homer Catron-Registered Agent, Ronald Barfield-Auctioneer, Gary Bartleson-Asst. Auct., Larry Chavis and Howard Perdue-Program Co-Chairmen, Louis Doucet, Larry Chavis, Homer Catron, Ronald Barfield and Alex Maloof-Board of Directors. The Club welcomes visitors to its meetings on the first Monday and third Wednesday of the month at the Sheppard Stadium clubroom in Colonial Heights.

The Annual Coin and Stamp Show was held on Sunday, February 27th., at the Ramada Inn in Petersburg. In spite of the heavy rains, visitors enjoyed the exhibits and the bourse tables, as well as meeting and talking with Club members.

A new project undertaken by the Club is proposing that our 26th President, Theodore Roosevelt, be honored by being selected for one of the issues of United States coins. Club President Gerald Perry has written to a number of collectors and coin periodicals asking support for this project, especially now that there are proposals being put forward to make changes in our circulating coins.

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

The Club's annual Christmas Banquet was held at the Farmstead Restaurant in Verona on December 11th. A delicious buffet dinner was served and each member and guest received a gift. George Miller, VNA President, installed the 1977 officers: Joe Holloway-Pres., Tom Gilmore-Vice-pres., Eloise Showalter-Recording Sec., Debbie Shiflett-Corr. Sec. and Carter Sinclair-Treas.

Plans are being made for the Annual Coin Show to be held at the Ingleside Red Carpet Inn at Staunton on March 12 and 13. This is a nice place for a show and collectors and guests will be made welcome.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

The installation of the new officers for the coming year took place amid festivities of a delightful Cahanukah party in December. New officers are: Dr. Leonard Kaplan-Pres., Aaron Behrman-Vice-Pres., Helen Nesson-Sec. and Dr. Kurt Hirsch-Treas. Cold weather also took its toll and made it necessary to cancel the February meeting.

#### VIRGINIA TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY

VIRGINIA-TAMS plans a meeting on Saturday, March 19th., at the Mariner Motor Resort Inn in Virginia Beach, in connection with the meeting of the Tidewater Coin Club. All members are urged to try to attend.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Along with most of Virginia, the weather on the Peninsula made it impossible to have the regular January meeting of the Club.

The Annual Meeting was held at Sammy's Steak House in Newport News in February. Bernie Littlepage did an outstanding job as master of ceremonies, and inducted the officers for the coming year.

After an enjoyable meal, the following awards were presented:

Past President's Plaque - Mrs. Carolyn Gearhart

Exhibit Awards:

3rd Place - John Gearhart - Silver Dollars 2nd Place - Mervyn Reynolds - Error Notes

Most Educational - Bernie Littlepage - Foreign Medals Best in Show - Don Roberts - Hampton's Bank Corner

Each member and guest received a door prize

The committee for 1977 National Coin Week reported that displays and talks are scheduled for both Newport News and Hampton, and that books will be presented to the libraries.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

The Tidewater Coin Club invites all collectors and guests to attend their 21st COIN-A-RAMA to be held at the Mariner Motor Hotel in Virginia Beach on March 19 and 20.

Officers for the coming year will be inducted at the Annual Banquet on Friday night at the motel. Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Rausch, Chief, Office of Currency and Stamp Printing, Department of the Treasury.

The two day COIN-A-RAMA will include two sessions of auctions of numismatic material on Saturday, to be conducted by Frank and Laurese Katen of Silver Spring. In addition, there will be exhibits of coins, currency and other numismatic material. Approximately 50 dealers from throughout the country will display for your collecting interests a wide variety of coins and currency.

Admission to COIN-A-RAMA is free and the public is invited to attend both the Saturday and Sunday sessions. Reservations should be made for the annual banquet on Friday night. Comfortable rooms are available at the motel for out-of-town guests, and there are plenty of eating places in Virginia Beach.

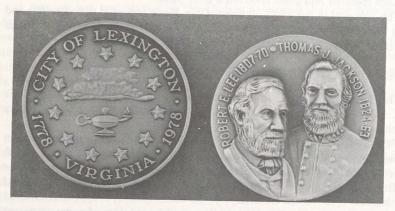
New officers elected for 1977 are: James M. Boyle-Pres., Russell Ambrose-Vice-Pres., James E. Morris-Secretary, Ted Maroulis-Treas.; George Allison, John W. Balchunis, William T. Jones, John Rausch and Mort S. Ronick-Directors.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

Our friends in Dover, Delaware, over on the Eastern Sho', are starting off the new year with a new set of officers: Keith Lawver-Pres., Vince Acko1st V-P, Ray Gesualdo-2nd V-P, Tom Mercer-Treas., Larry LeMaster-Rec. Sec., Steve Taylor-Corr. Sec., Ed Littlejohn-S at A., Glen Thompson, Clyde Draper and Steve Taylor-Bd. Gov. and Kevin Lewis-Jr. Rep. The Club plans to rent a bus for a trip to Washington to the National Gallery of Art to view the treasure of King Tut in March.

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

This year the WNS will celebrate its 50th birthday. Newly elected officers for the year are: Karl E. Hoke-Pres., Rudy Saenger-1st V-P, Mae Clarke-2nd V-P, Eldridge Jones-Sec-Treas., Ralph Shnirman-Sgt-at-Arms; Diane Dietz, August Bolino, A.A. (Sam) Butland, Charles Kern and William Morris -Board of Directors, MANA Repr- Mae Clarke and ANA Repr- Herb Price. As with many other clubs, WNS is having trouble with the rising cost of its meeting place.



#### BICENTENNIAL MEDAL FOR CITY OF LEXINGTON

A commemorative medal to celebrate the 200th birthday of Lexington, Virginia has been struck for the City and is now on sale. The coins were minted by The Metal Arts Company of New York City.

The obverse of the medal features likenesses of Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson. The figures of the two Confederate generals were struck in high relief, and were designed by Roger Brown of Metal Arts. The reverse side of the medal features the City seal and the dates of commemoration, 1778 and 1978.

The coins are 44mm (1%) in diameter, with an antique finish. They have been struck in bronze and fine (.999) silver. The medals are being sold in three formats - individual bronze, bronze in lucite (paperweight size), and numbered sets of silver and bronze. They sell for \$5.00 \$15.00, and \$25.00 respectively. There is a \$1.00 charge for shipping and handling for all out-of-town orders. The price includes Virginia sales tax.

To order, write: Jay Denny, Lexington Medals, 107 East Washington Street, Lexington, Va. 24450.



THE STORY OF THE LINCOLN CENT

By Gerald Perry

When the Lincoln Cent made it's initial appearance in 1909 it marked a radical departure of accepted styling. It did for the first time introduce a portrait of a president of the United States. Through the efforts of President Theodore Roosevelt this coin was put into general circulation in 1909. It was to mark the 100th birthday anniversary of President Lincoln.

The only person invited to participate in the formulation of this new designed cent was Victor David Brenner. Brenner was born in Shavli, Russia in 1871. His youth was spent in a cultural and creative atmosphere as he worked at home with his father, learning the rudiments of his profession. At the age of 13 he was helping his father in the engraving and stone cutting profession. At the age of 16, he left home to work as a jewelry engraver and sculptor in various Russian cities, and at the age of 19 he immigrated to America. Brenner grew to manhood with an insatiable thirst for knowledge that led him to the art centers of Europe and the United States to study under men widely known for their accomplishments, such as Roty, Charpentier, Peuch, Verlet and Dubois. At the same time he worked hard at his craft to earn more money for some study. He opened a studio in New York about 1903 and became a highly successful producer of plaques, medals, reliefs and busts. His work won him many honors and he was represented in the famous galleries and museums of Europe and America. Brenner died in 1924 in New York City at the age of 53.

#### Facts about the Lincoln cent:

- 1. "In God We Trust" appeared for the first time on a coin of this denomination.
- 2. The coin was released to the public on Aug. 2, 1909.
- 3. The first American coin to bear the initials of the designer for general circulation.
- 4. The designers initials were removed from the coin in 1909 by civilian protest.
- 5. The initials were restored to the coin in 1918.
- 6. More cents are produced than any other coin.
- 7. First coin to bear the likeness of a president
- 8. From 1909 to 1942 the cent was composed of 95% copper and 5% tin and zinc.

- 9. In 1943 it was composed of carbon steel with zinc coating and weight reduced from 48 grains to 42 grains.
- 10. 1944, 1945 cent composed of military shell casings.
- 11. February 12, 1959 cents reverse changed to present design.
- 12. 1962 cent changed, tin was deleted from the cent.

This little coin, the Lincoln Cent, plays a great role in our everyday American economy. It has weathered many conflicts through it's life span. It truly honors one of America's greatest men, the 16th President of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln.

This is one of a series of articles written by Gerald Perry for publication in the newspapers of the Petersburg-Hopewell area.

# BICENTENNIAL MEDALS PRESENTED TO SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) has presented a set of its 21 Bicentennial commemorative medals to the Smithsonian Institution for permanent retention.

The set features all of the medals authorized by Congress (Public Law 92-228) to be struck "commemorating the year 1776 and its significance to American independence" — the silver and bronze medals issued annually from 1972 through 1976, and the seven National Bicentennial Medals struck in bronze, silver and gold.

The collection, valued at \$4,793.00, represents the most successful commemorative medals program in U.S. history. All of the medals were struck by the U.S. Mint.

Jean McKee, acting Administrator, ARBA, made the presentation to S. Dillon Ripley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to add to the Smithsonian's extensive numismatic collection — one of the largest, most important and encyclopedic in the world.

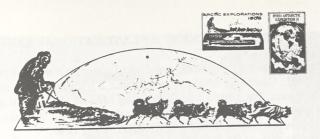
Miss McKee said: "It is most appropriate that a master set of the Nation's Bicentennial medals be made a part of the celebrated coin collection at the National Museum of History and Technology."

Recognizing that the Smithsonian is one of the world's most renowned and visited institutions, Miss McKee noted that the Smithsonian contributed many of the Nation's major Bicentennial programs and exhibits.

"It was the public's enthusiastic acceptance of these medals that enabled the ARBA to provide the Smithsonian well over \$1.5 million (\$1,681,000) in funding assistance for their Bicentennial projects," Miss McKee said.

The commemorative medals were sold by the ARBA at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$4,000.00 each. Nearly six million (5,928,979) were sold before the program was officially closed last October.

The ARBA's medals sales grossed more than \$46 million (\$46,101,000) and produced a net profit of almost \$22 million (\$21,607,894), which was used to help fund national and international Bicentennial programs and projects.



#### POLAR EXPLORATION THEME SOUVENIR CARD

Mr. James A. Conlon, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has announced that a souvenir card will be issued in conjunction with Bureau exhibit participation at the Milwaukee Philatelic Society's annual convention (MILCOPEX '77) in Milwaukee (March 4-6).

The Polar Exploration theme souvenir card depicts vignettes from two United States postage stamps devoted to the Arctic and Antarctic. One of the vignettes was taken from the  $4\phi$  Arctic Explorations Commemorative postage stamp which was issued in 1959 to mark the 50th anniversary of the arrival of Admiral Robert Edwin Peary at the North Pole, and noted the history-making feat of the U.S. Navy's "Nautilus" almost 50 years later in making the first under-the-sea crossing at the North Pole. The other vignette was taken from the  $3\phi$  Little America postage stamp, issued in 1933 and used on letters mailed through the Little America post office, established at the base camp of the Admiral Richard E. Byrd Antarctic Expedition, in the territory of the South Pole. The latter stamp was sold at the Philatelic Agency of the Post Office Department; however, it was not distributed to post offices for sale to the general public.

Cards are priced at \$1.50 each and may be ordered by mail from the

Bureau of Engraving and Printing for delivery after March 4.

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#### SOUND INVESTMENT AT LAST NATIONAL BANK

When the Connecticut Bank and Trust Company moved to new quarters in Hartford, Conn., in 1962, it left behind a building it had occupied for some 50 years. The vacated bank building offered 18 floors of well-located office space, ideally suited for commercial occupancy. But one area, lying below street level, seemed to be of limited market value.

It appeared unlikely that an underground bank vault equipped with a 24-ton steel door was going to readily attract a prospective business tenant. Nevertheless, this particular abandoned vault attracted three. Jay Du Mond, Ferg Jansen and Garry Morfit are restauranteurs with imagination. Since meeting at the Cornell School of Hotel Administration in the 1960's, they've been partners in a number of restaurant ventures, each structured around an engaging, innovative theme. When the trio caught a glimpse of the empty bank vault, their collective creative wheels started turning.

Result: A lively new dining spot was introduced to downtown Hartford called The Last National Bank. "Developing a restaurant concept and getting it under way is the challenging and satisfying part for us", says Du Mond, who oversees day-to-day operations at "The Bank" while his partners work other restaurants owned by the partnership. "When we stumbled on the vacated vault area, we began visualizing a restaurant centered around a banking theme. Our notion was to capitalize on the vault environment. Many banks underwent remodeling back in the 1950's, exchanging their original austere furnishings and decor for a modern look. So we started to hunt down some of these old and nostalgic bank trappings."

The hunt took them into musty basements and back rooms of 15 banks extending from Connecticut to Minnesota. The partners were able to scavenge the iron grillework that now separates the bar at Last National from the restaurant proper. They transformed heavy, old deposit writing tables into cocktail tables in the bar area, with cocktail napkins replacing deposit slips in the pigeonholes. A marble cashier's counter was acquired from an Indiana bank that once was robbed by John Dillinger. They gather-

ed up old safes and adding machines for decorative effect.

Du Mond, Jansen and Morfit conceived and directed the entire interior design scheme by themselves. From the outset, carpet figured as a key element in their plan. "We viewed it as a sound investment, both literally and figuratively," Du Mond points out. "We wanted to recreate an atmosphere that suggested the serious, almost reverent hush that traditionally had characterized banks and bank vaults. In addition, it would contribute a sense of luxury and comfort that seemed appropriate to the bank theme." The trio of partners selected a carpet by Karastan in a soft, nostalgic floral pattern reminiscent of an earlier banking era. The carpet pile surface was of "Antron" nylon, a Du Pont carpet fibre that has become a popular contract carpet choice for its excellent wear performance and unique soil-hiding properties.



Interior of The Last National Bank in Hartford, Connecticut, where a restaurant preserves old time banking atmosphere.

The investment of Du Mond and partners in quality, authenticity and atmosphere is paying handsome returns at The Last National Bank. That's evident in the daily lines of people waiting to be seated for lunch and dinner. "The decor of the place and all the other little touches make it a fine place to dine," comments a young business man who's a frequent patron. Among these little touches: napkins wrapped in money bands; match holders that resemble coin rolls; a bar that offers "complete liquidation"; menus patterned after bank passbooks; and a telephone number to call for reservations (246-5387) that should be easy to remember - simply dial A HOLDUP!

Our thanks to Mr. Jack Murphy, Editor of The Du Pont Magazine, published by E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Wilmington, Delaware, for permission to reprint this article on The Last National Bank and the picture interior.

## COLLECTORS SHOULD BE WARY OF COUNTERFEITS OF THE PAST

By James A. Johnson, Jr.

While counterfeiting U.S. coins traditionally has been well policed by the U.S. government, the duplicating of non-governmental paper issues in past years was flagrant. There are outright counterfeits, spurious notes, copies and reprints turning up constantly to worry modern collectors.

Today we will discuss some Virginia items in these categories.

Counterfeiting, or making unauthorized copies of current notes for the purpose of spending them, is the oldest form. Not ten years after Virginia began the issue of colonial notes, whole issues were being called in and replaced by other designs because of counterfeits.

#### 18 Century Fakes

Even with the Old Dominion's small population in 1773, and the small area of commerce around Williamsburg, an emergency issue using bank checks was issued by the colony to replace the notes issued in 1769 and 1771 because of dangerous counterfeits. This, and other instances, caused the public to have little faith in colonial paper, and commerce was in gold and silver coin when possible.

When banks were chartered by the state beginning 1804, they issued their own notes. Before long, expert engravers were counterfeiting — often crudely — the official issues. The lack of education of the general public and their unfamiliarity with conditions in cities only a few miles away contributed to the acceptance of these fakes and subsequent loss to the holder.

As a result, all notes outside the immediate area of the issuing bank were traded at a discount from face value, if they were accepted at all.

#### Official Issue Listed

It was customary for a merchant or banker to carry in his pocket a monthly publication that listed the official issues of banks and the known counterfeits.

Since the notes could be redeemed in specie only at the bank of issue, a note from a distant bank could be worn out or lost, with resulting profit to the bank of issue. Thus many "wildcat" banks sprang up, issuing beautiful notes, but with assets that may have been in an iron box in some backwoods blacksmith shop.

Spurious notes were notes purporting to be from a genuine bank but whose design was nothing like the official notes. These were normally circulated by crooks far away from the area of the genuine bank.

To be continued in the next issue . . .

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

#### Those Incredible B2FDC-B2J4C's!

If you have one of the Bicentennial two dollar bills with a stamp and a date cancellation on it, you will be interested in the new book on the subject by Andrew J. Vero of Annapolis, an analyst with the Navy Department. He is sure that they are the most significant collectable items from the bicentennial, and tells you why in his book. He also runs a clearinghouse on the subject.

The book is obtainable from: B2FDC, 2 Carvel Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, for \$4.35 per copy postpaid. A long SASE to the same address

will bring you information on the clearinghouse operation.



#### WILLIAMSBURG ..... WHERE ???

Howard Spain (VNA Board Member from Waverly, Va.), has asked us to publish a picture of a note that he recently acquired to see if anyone can shed any light on the location of "This Williamsburg".

The note is in rather poor condition as you can see but perhaps one of

our readers can help to identify it.

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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER.



I never dreamed when I was elected President of the VNA that I would have the honor of visiting our Governor in the State capitol. This was a very pleasant experience and one that I will always treasure. Governor Godwin told us of his interests in coins and paper money and of several experiences he has had in collecting. He wished us success in our coming convention in Williamsburg.

Regarding our convention, we are

expecting to have about forty dealers present and a large display of exhibits. Chartered buses will leave the hotel for our tours on all three days of our stay in Williamsburg. There will be enough things to do to last a week; however, we will have to do them in three days. It will probably be the three shortest days of our lives. Time goes fast when you are doing things you like. Don't forget the date, Sept. 16-18, at the 1776 Inn.

Now that warm weather is upon us, I would like to wish each of you a safe, happy, and numismatic summer.

George Miller President VNA

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association provide that an Election Committee shall present a slate of officers for each expiring elected office not later than June 15th of each year. During the period June 15 through July 15 additional nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees are to be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The following offices are open for nomination: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Sergeant-at-Arms and three (3) members of the Board of Directors. All offices are for a period of two (2) years.

Be sure to send all nominations so that they will be received by the Secretary-Treasurer between June 15 and July 15.

### news of our clubs

#### ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Along with the regular spring meetings, plans are well under way for the Coin and Antiques Show to be held July 29, 30 and 31 at the Roanoke Civic Center in downtown Roanoke. Collectors are invited to come to the valley in the summer time and visit the Show.

#### MEHERRIN VALLEY COIN CLUB

Officers for the 1977 year are: Carol Morgan - President, of Seaboard, N.C.; Lewis F. Taylor - Vice-President, Seaboard, N.C., and W. Delbroe Johnson - Secretary-Treasurer, Franklin, Va. Guests are always made welcome at the Club meetings.

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Programs for the March and April meetings were: History and Technology of the Philadelphia Mint, by Charles Hoskins, Director of Authentication of the International Numismatic Society and Numismatics 1977, by Julian Leidman. This is the Club's 50th year in the City of Washington.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER.

Recent programs at the monthly meetings were: An exhibition of medals representing the history of the Jewish people, by Julie and Nat Rafal, and a slide program of "Symbols on Coins".

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Featured at the April meeting was a presentation by Charles A. Caravelle on "Coins of Long, Long, Ago".

Reports on the COIN-A-RAMA 1977 indicated that this was one of the best annual meetings in many years. Guests at the annual banquet particularly enjoyed the talk and slide show by Robert R. Rausch, Chief of the Office of Currency and Stamp Printing Section of the U.S. Treasury on the "Printing of U.S. Currency".

#### KENT COIN CLUB

In addition to the usual Club activities, speakers at the March and April meetings were: Robert Ross on "Hard Times Tokens" and Ray Jones on "Ration Tokens". Reports were made on the trips by club groups to Washington and to other clubs' shows.

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#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

March and April meetings of the Club were enlivened by a donated auction and a talk by Guy de Wolf of Williamsburg. During National Coin Week the Club presented several volumes on numismatics to the libraries of Newport News and Hampton at the Club meeting. In addition, displays were shown and talks on numismatics were presented to local groups.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

In April the Club held its Show at the Tanglewood Mall Shopping Center. Plans are being made for the programs for the rest of the spring meetings.

In addition to the bourse tables at the Show, exhibits were displayed as follows: Bob Phlegar - Franklin Mint medals; Larry Booth - U.S. Paper Money and Richard Jones - Virginia obsolete notes used in the Roanoke Valley from 1775 to 1865.

#### ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Club was held April 11 at the Harrisonburg Public Library. A short business meeting was held, followed by a VNA slide show on Half Dollars, refreshments and an auction.

National Coin Week was celebrated in Harrisonburg with a display in the Valley National Bank by Club Vice-President Bill Branner. A coin collection from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond was on display at Rockingham National Bank.

Anyone wanting a bourse table for the Club's Annual Show on September 24-25 should address inquiries to 208 Governors Lane, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801.

The Harrisonburg Daily News carried a picture of VNA President George Miller presenting a copy of Volume 2 of Charlie Affleck's "Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" to the Governor of Virginia during National Coin Week in Virginia.

#### S.P.M.C. REGIONAL MEETING

The Society of Paper Money Collectors, Inc. will hold a regional meeting in conjunction with The Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association. This major show will be held July 8, 9, and 10 at the Sheraton Lanham Motor Inn, New Carrollton, Maryland. An auction will be held by the noted auction house Paramount International Coin Corp. The bourse area is expected to have up to 125 tables. For information on tables contact Bill Hurst, P. O. Box 2134, Washington, D.C. 20013.

The S.P.M.C. meeting will be held at 8:00 P.M. Saturday the 9th. Austin M. Sheheen, Jr. will be the Guest Speaker. At the completion of the program a social hour is planned with a cash bar. All S.P.M.C. members and interested paper money collectors are invited to attend and bring something of interest for a show and tell session during the social segment of the get together.

# Calendar of Coin Shows

CLUB	LOCATION	DATE
Northern Va. Coin Club	Vienna Community Center	May 14-15
Memphis Coin Club Paper Money Convention	Holiday Inn Rivermont 200 W. Georgia Ave. Memphis, Tennessee	June 4-5
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center	July 29-31
American Numismatic Assn.	Atlanta, Georgia	Aug. 23-28
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	1776 INN WILLIAMSBURG	SEPT. 16-18
Rockingham Coin Club	Sheraton Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 24-25

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# COLLECTORS SHOULD BE WARY OF COUNTERFEITS OF THE PAST

By James A. Johnson, Jr.

Some years ago I found well circulated spurious notes in a coin shop in Cincinnati that were supposedly issues by The Bank of Virginia, Richmond, and the Central Bank of Virginia, Staunton. They were probably circulated in that area originally, thus it was unlikely that any would get back to the mother bank before the passer would have departed to other fields in the 1850s.

Of course, when they were presented for payment at the bank named on their faces, they were repudiated and the bearer sustained the loss.

Facsimile notes abounded in the North during the Civil War. One of the most prolific printers was Upham of Philadelphia, who, in a line of small type under the lower margin of his notes, inscribed "FAC-SIMILE REBEL SHIN-PLASTER — Sold, wholesale and retail, by S.C. Upham, 403 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.""

Upham's notes had the same general design as the genuine notes, but they were different enough in type used and printed signatures (most genuine notes were hand signed) that only the most ignorant would have accepted them.

Nevertheless, most of these notes we see today have the designation carefully cut off and many show signs of circulation.

Reprints are the rarest of the reproductions and the most difficult to cope with. In some cases the engraved plate of an obsolete note has survived and notes have been printed from them many years after they were last current.

In some cases additional legend was added to the face of the note to indicate its source, such as the \$10 Bank of Richmond reprint. In other cases notes have been reprinted in different colored inks and on a different paper, such as vivid green early note reprints of the Bank of the Valley of Virginia, Winchester.

The historical society of one of Richmond's sister cities legitimately owns a number of the original plates of notes issued before 1860 by Richmond banks. Word has been received that they soon intend to print and issue reprints from some of these plates as curiosities or for advertising purposes.

It is to be hoped that they will adopt some obvious means of permanently identifying these reprints for what they are, rather than run the risk of deceiving collectors of the future.

Since the genuine notes were signed by hand, reprints would lack the official signatures of the president and the cashier at the time of issue. Unscrupulous persons in the past have not hesitated to forge signatures on unsigned notes and sell them as genuine, so this would be little protection. It is assumed, however, that with the high ethical standards of the society to which I refer, they will overprint or otherwise indicate these modern printings as reprints.

The Editor wishes to thank James A. Johnson, Jr. for this interesting article.

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#### 1977 NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA

Members and member Clubs of the Virginia Numismatic Association celebrated National Coin Week in Virginia in various ways across the Commonwealth during the third week in April.



On Tuesday, April 19th., several VNA members met with Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. in his office in the State Capitol in Richmond to thank him for his efforts on our behalf during his present term of office. VNA President George E. Miller led the delegation, along with VNA Vice-President Louis E. Doucet, VNA Past-President Frank R. Hannah, VNA Board Member Howard E. Spain and the Editor of The Virginia Numismatist, Don Roberts. President Miller presented the Governor with a 1977 membership in VNA and a copy of Volume 2 of Charles Affleck's "Obsolete Currency of Virginia", to go with a copy of Volume 1 presented to him in his first term in office, along with our thanks for his help.

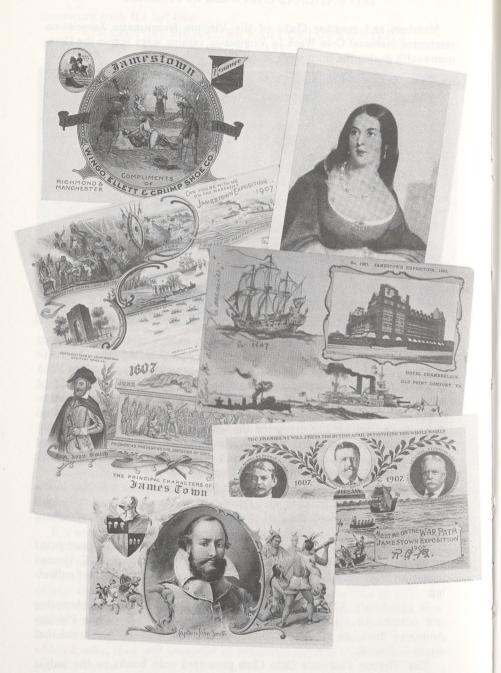
National Coin Week was celebrated in Harrisonburg with a display in the Valley National Bank by Club Vice-President Bill Branner. A coin collection from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond was on display at Rockingham National Bank.

Members of the Southside Virginia Numismatic Association helped point up the week with displays to assist Coin Week Chairman Louis E. Doucet make the residents of the area below Richmond aware of the fun of collecting.

In Lynchburg, VNA member Rawley H. Waton III showed an interesting and informative exhibit in the lobby of the main office of the Fidelity American Bank, on the subject of the variety of numismatic material that can be collected.

The Virginia Peninsula Coin Club presented coin books to the public libraries in Hampton and Newport News, gave talks to civic groups and showed exhibits for the public.

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# ENCASED CENTS

# from the Jamestown Exposition

by Arlie R. Slabaugh

The Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition held during 1907 is not one of the better known expositions since it never received recognition as an international world's fair. Nevertheless, like all expositions, it had its share of medals, tokens and souvenirs which are widely collected today.





The purpose of the exposition was "primarily to celebrate and commemorate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the first permanent English settlement in America, and secondarily to demonstrate to the world our right to claim supremacy by showing the wonders we have accomplished during the past three hundred years in every branch of industry, of education, of art and of science."









As it turned out, the "supremacy" most loudly demonstrated in that day of President Theodore Roosevelt ("Speak softly and carry a big stick") was naval supremacy. The exposition being held at Hampton Roads with its excellent seaport and its proximity to Norfolk, headquarters of the U.S. Navy's Atlantic Squadron, made it ideal for naval spectacles. A number of foreign navies participated and on May 13, 1907 a giant naval parade was held. The army was not neglected either and nearly 5,000 soldiers were on the grounds throughout the exposition. Besides camping facilities, there was a drilling area called "Lee's Parade."





The exposition was open from April 26 to November 30, 1907. Five hundred acres were designated for the fair but was not completely occupied due to limited funds and the fact that only 25 states participated, not all of which erected buildings. Also, most foreign participation consisted primarily of naval displays so very few countries erected special buildings for exhibits.









Raleigh Square (main plaza) and the twin Government Piers were the most outstanding features of the exposition which tended toward a colonial style of architecture and did not attempt to surpass previous expositions with "freaks of fancy." But every exposition has its "midway" and the Jamestown fair was no exception. Here the concession area was called "The War Path," again repeating the martial aspect of the fair, so if you have an old souvenir that reads "Meet me on the War Path," it very likely came from the Jamestown Tercentennial Exposition.

This concession area, too, was probably a source for souvenir encased cents which had first become popular at the Pan-American Exposition held at Buffalo, N.Y. in 1901. The author has been able to assemble six different types of encased cents from Jamestown which compares favorably with most other expositions. All have aluminum holders and contain (appropriately) Indian head cents, dated 1907. With the exception of one pot-shaped holder, all are round. This raises the question of whether horseshoe-shaped holders exist for the Jamestown Exposition?

# GODL SERIP

# ONCE MINER'S CREDIT by R. R. Tippy

Webster defines the word HOBBY as a subject that a person constantly talks about or returns to; something that a person likes to do or study in his spare time; or a favorite pastime or avocation. Look as hard as you will, you will not find where Webster defines the word SCRIPTOR. Hopefully, some day the dictionary will define the word "scriptor" as a person who collects scrip and fall in one or more of the categories above.

What is scrip and how was it used? Some people have the mis-conception that scrip is only paper and perhaps associate it with the depression years. Scrip may be paper or metal and actually metal tokens are more prominent; in fact, some avid collectors do not even collect the paper variety.

Metal tokens were referred to by different names that may have been peculiar to a particular geographical region. For example, in some areas they were referred to as "flickers", coal field money, light weight, doo lolly, etc., but the most common name is scrip. In this article the word scrip is referring only to the metal token that was used by the coal miner.

Commissary checks or scrip are, in essence, credit tokens and fundamentally were used as follows: An employee of the coal company who desired credit at the Company Store could request issue of scrip against work performed or work to be performed. The scrip so issued would be charged against the employee's payroll account, and its face value would be deducted from the amount due him for work performed on the following pay day. The scrip would then be spent at the commissary for merchandise.

This medium of exchange attained a certain amount of general circulation in the immediate neighborhood of the commissary, since it could be redeemed, in merchandise, upon presentation at the commissary by any bearer. For example, a miner in immediate need of cash might draw scrip at the mine office in face value of say \$10, and subsequently sell to a third party for cash at a negotiated discount; or he might use to barter for goods or property with the local merchants, fellow employee, etc.

The use of scrip has been discontinued by practically all coal mining companies. Its demise depends upon the geographical areas, for example, in the midwest the period was in the 1920s or perhaps early 1930s, whereas in the Appalachian area states it made its exit in the mid-forties and up to the very early 1950s.

The use of scrip has been attacked from many sides. It may be remembered that Eleanor Roosevelt, during her humanitarian crusades, attacked the use of scrip as an evil thing. The Treasury Department has always considered it a thorn in its side and the United Mine Workers Union opposed its promiscuous use.

Scrip History

The private use of scrip and token money probably came to this land with the White man. The use of coal scrip was initiated for a number of reasons including the remoteness of the coal operator with few alternatives.

First, it was necessary to run a spur railroad line, which particularly in the mountainous areas, was the only method of transportation to and from the coal camp. Since there was no housing it was necessary for the coal company to build housing. There was no local store and thus the birth of the Commissary or the Company Store, in order that the miner and his family could obtain the necessities of life.

Therefore, it may be said that the coal company got into the store business out of necessity; however, it did not take them long to recognize a good thing. Almost without exception, the commissary carried the very best brands of merchandise and charged accordingly - yes, their prices were norm-

ally very high.

Often times the coal company actually made more off their store operation than they did in the operation of the coal mine. Since in many instances these operations were not too close to the nearest bank, it was most impractical for all parties concerned to barter with U.S. currency. It should also be pointed out that there were a number of payroll robberies, and I can remember as a young man one of these robberies, and to the best of my knowledge, the payroll has not been recovered to this day.

The combination of all these circumstances historically resulted in scrip actually being born out of necessity and later becoming one of convenience. During the heyday of the old company town, scrip circulated so freely that

it was indeed the coin of the realm.

Tokens are of various shapes and sizes - round, square, egg shape, scalloped, hexagonal, octagonal, etc. They are of various metallic alloys with the most common being brass and normally were in the denominations of one cent through the dollar. This type of token very frequently had "cutouts" or punches; their purpose being primarily for identification - reflecting the initials of the company, their trade mark, and in some instances the number of the mine.

During World War II the scarcity of metals resulted in some scrip being made of plastic type material. There were a number of companies that manufactured scrip, the two largest being located in Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio. The Osborne Register Company, the successor to Murdoch, and prior to the demise of scrip practically dominated the field of scrip manufacturers, since

it absorbed many of their competitors.

The reason that the Osborne Register Company with their trade mark ORCO was so successful was primarily due to their invention of the scrip machine. This machine was invented by Wiley Osborne, a native of Wise, VA. and for many years retired and living in Florida. After many many efforts by this talented gentleman he finally built a prototype that met his rather rigid specifications. This machine, which incidentally is a collector's item, resembles to a degree the present day coin changer machine and somewhat revolutionized the issuance of scrip. As a young man Osborne was an engineer

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for a coal company in eastern Kentucky and each day when he would come out of the mine he observed long long lines of coal miners at the scrip writers window. The issuance of scrip was a lengthy and primarily a manual operation and he decided there must be a better way. He quit his job at the mine, mustered up all the finances he could and moved to Cincinnati to make his fortune - which he did.

This basic credit and bookkeeping system utilized 21/4 x 51/4 cards corresponding to similar cards in the scrip writer's file.

When drawing, the cards were matched, inserted in the machine and the exact amount desired was released automatically. The amount was printed on each card opposite the date.

At the end of the pay period, the total was found and that amount posted as a deduction to the miners statement. It was not unusual for deductions to exceed the amount of earnings and thus result in an overdraft. Thus, the words "owe my soul to the company store" was more than just words in a song.

The Orco machine would only work with Osborne Manufactured scrip and this coupled with the fact that there was a guarantee against counterfeiting resulted in a most profitable endeavor. Since the names of the manufacturer usually appear on the reverse side of the token, it is easy to identify. As the collector advances in his collecting he collects not only by the name and denomination of the coal company but also by the manufacturer. A guide has been developed for this purpose called Scripdent.

#### Collecting Tips

It is a safe assumption that there are a few pieces of scrip in that old box of odds and ends - they could be in the button box, the jar of washers and many other unsuspecting places. The person who has been collecting coins for a period of time very likely has some scrip tokens tossed aside.

The retired coal miner or members of his family very frequently have a few pieces of company store money. It is unfortunate that the descendants of older coal miners do not always know what these tokens are and consequently dispose of them. There are a number of coal operators, both past and present who have retained at least a portion of the scrip formerly issued by their companies.

On the other hand, many coal operators at the time they discontinued using scrip made an all out effort to destroy every piece. The reason for this was that they did not wish to be obligated to refund at face value over an extended period. In this connection, it has been suggested by some that the operator may have had a guilty conscience.

The methods used for the disposal and or destruction of scrip were varied and include - mixing them with concrete, melting, burying in most unusual places, and tossing in the nearest river or lake. Many collectors have a fair degree of success in finding this elusive item at flea markets, coin shops and antique shops. Coal scrip was used in 27 of the 50 states and is most difficult to find in Michigan and North Carolina.

There have been two publications that are oriented to the collectors of

coal tokens. Coal Company Scrip by Walter Caldwell, published in 1969, and

20,000 Coal Company Stores by Gordon Dodrill.

The latter publication lists all company stores in the United States, Mexico and Canada for the period 1903-1958, by town, state, and county plus the number of employees and the period the mine operated. An attempt was made to place a monetary value on each piece of company scrip, based on the number of employees and the period of operation. This method of pricing did not prove to be realistic for a number of reasons.

On the other hand, this publication is the most comprehensive listing of its kind and is recommended, without reservation, as a most effective refer-

ence for your local library as well as the serious coal scrip collector.

In some sections the coal company had a working relationship with one of the local merchants, in lieu of operating their own commissary. Thus the tokens bearing the merchants name are considered coal scrip and this is so reflected in the Dodrill Publication. The author has made his copy available to a regional organization that was helping the older retired coal miners qualify for their miners pension and/or black lung benefits. This book, 20,000 Coal Company Stores, was published in 1971 and represents 5 years of research by Mr. Dodrill. The price of this publication is \$10.

All scripters are awaiting the publication of what promises to be the "Bible" for coal mining scrip collectors. The author, Donald O. Edkins, Newport News, VA., has been compiling material for several years and it has been my pleasure to review a portion of the manuscript, plus coauthoring a

section of "PIT CAR CHECKS."

The book will contain some photographs and will most adequately describe each piece as to size, shape, metallic content and any other applicable pertinent data. In addition, and most important, it will contain a rarity scale from 1 to 10, which definitely will be the most realistic and practical method of pricing.

It is anticipated that when this knowledge becomes generally known by the coin, antiques and flea market dealer plus the casual collector that it will be the "motivator" to get many of these type tokens out of the "crooks

and crannies."

The value of scrip that falls in the higher rarity scale will be a most pleasant surprise to many people. On the other hand, scrip that is of the common variety will probably be priced in the fifty cent category. It is expected that this publication will be available about the first of May.

Some collectors have had a "spin-off" from the hobby by starting collections of miners sunshine oil lamps, carbide lamps, canteens, flasks, etc.

Scrip Collectors

There is a formal organization of scripters, known as the National Scrip Collector's Association, generally referred to as NSCA. The objectives and purposes of this organization are to promote the collection of coal and lumber scrip (metal and paper) and related tokens; cultivate good relations between the collectors; and encourage the study and research of history of coal and lumber companies as it relates to scrip and the companies which manufactured the tokens.

The organization was originally dedicated to the collection of coal scrip only; but was subsequently expanded to include collectors of lumber scrip. As of January 1, 1975, the group boasted a membership of almost 300 members, with 40 states being represented.

The official publication, SCRIP TALK, is published six times annually and covers the many facets related to the collecting of coal and lumber scrip. The organization meets twice each year - a spring and fall meeting. The meetings are rotated as to geographical location and the spring meeting will be held at the Pipe Stem State Park near Beckley, West Virginia, on April 29-30. The dues are a modest \$3 per year, which include a subscription to SCRIP TALK.

Anyone interested in joining the organization is invited to contact the author, Tip Tippy, 102½ Meadow Road, Oak Ridge, TN. 37830.

Editor's Note: The writer is a native of the coal fields of Southern Illinois. Following graduation from the University of Illinois, Tippy was employed in the offices of Peabody Coal Company at Harrisburg, Ill., and Harlan, Ky. For the past 31 years, he has been employed by Union Carbide in Oak Ridge, Tenn. A collector of coal scrip for the past 15 years, he is a co-founder of the National Scrip Collectors Association and presently serves the group as its president. Our thanks to Mr. Tippy.

This article originally appeared in The Tri-State Trader, a weekly publication devoted primarily to antiques and collectables. We are indebted to VNA Past President Elvin Miller for obtaining permission from Mr. Tippy to use his article in The Virginia Numismatist.

As Mr. Tippy states in the article, VNA member Don Edkins is presently preparing to publish a book on coal mining scrip in the near future.

#### RESTORE FADED INK SIGNATURE

A valuable discovery has recently been made whereby the faded ink on old parchment and paper may be so restored as to render the writing perfectly legible. The process consists in moistening the paper with water and then passing over the writing a brush which has been dipped in a solution of sulphide of ammonia. The writing will immediately appear quite dark in color and this color in the case of parchment it will preserve. Records which were treated in this way in the Germanic Museum in Nuremburg ten years ago are still in the same condition as immediately after the application of the process, - On paper however, the color gradually fades again; but it may be restored at pleasure by the application of the sulphide. The explanation of the action of this substance is very simple, the iron which enters into the composition of the ink is transformed by the reaction into the black sulphide.

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### \$ FINANCING AMERICA \$

E. I. du Pont De Nemours and Company

by Don Roberts

The du Pont Company of today is as different from its beginning in 1802 as the United States of today is from that time . . . .

As the books record it, Eleuthere Irenee du Pont arrived in America on New Year's Day of the year 1800, coming with his family to escape the political turmoil of his native France. On that day George Washington had been dead less than three weeks. The national capital was in Philadelphia. John Adams of Massachusetts was president; in two years he would be succeeded by Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. It would be fair to say that America in 1800 was not so much a nation as a plan for a nation. A string of seaboard colonies, with a population of 5,300,000 and its newly won independence from England, it was not too sure about the plans for the new Federal government. Almost 75 percent were farmers, the rest were small craftsmen, professional men, tradesmen, merchants, seamen and some in the military.

The big urge in America was to expand and develop. All of this meant that the new nation had important things to offer the man of enterprise. One of these was a literally unbounded market for manufactured goods. Another was the spirit of enterprise that filled the young nation, providing the climate in which enterprise was at home. Families were even now pushing over the barrier of the Appalachians, heading toward the expanding frontier. Dreamers were thinking of how to build factories, roads, canals and ships to supply the goods and get it to the consumers moving constantly westward.

E.I. du Pont (known as Irenee), along with his father and older brother Victor, came to America with the thought of settling in Virginia and starting up a colony where they and other Frenchmen could start a new life, working on farms and such business as they could start. But the conditions were different than they had anticipated, so these plans were soon dropped.

Finding that the black powder being made locally was poor and the plants small, Irenee du Pont decided that he could make use of his early training in the French powdermaking plant under the French chemist Antoine Lavoisier. All the necessary ingredients for black powder - saltpeter, sulfur and charcoal, were available, and he could furnish the experience for making the machinery and training the workers in the new country. As it would be for the rest of his life, the major problem was that of obtaining the necessary money to finance the operation. In the summer of 1802, masons laid the first stones of a small mill on Brandywine Creek, near Wilmington, in Delaware. From that day on, the venture was to be known by his name: E.I. du Pont de Nemours, and he and his family were associated with it.

From that day to this the firm and the nation have grown, through peace and war, boom and depression, from 16 states to 50, from a small black powder mill to a chemical firm whose products were undreamed of just a few years ago and now touch our lives every day.

For much of the 19th century the du Pont Company was a family partnership, until the many changes and expansion of the business made it necessary

to operate as most large companies do, in the corporate form.

Following in the founder's footsteps, later generations of the family worked to improve their product and expand production to meet the ever increasing demands of the growing country for explosives to build roads, canals, mines, quarries and the new railroads.

When the Civil War came, du Pont cast its support to the Union, and gave up its regular business to help supply the army and navy requirements. Some of the special "Mammoth Powder" developed for use in heavy artillery was used in the Dahlgren guns on the U.S.S. Monitor in its battle with the Confederate Ironclad Ram Virginia in Hampton Roads on March 9th, 1862, which marked the doom of wooden ships of war. The development of powder for these large guns marked the beginning of the division between propellants for firearms and the disruptants, for blasting or shattering. All future explosives were to fall in one or the other of these two classes.

Black powder had been king for many years, but experiments in chemistry in the 19th century were leading to the development of smokeless explosives in the laboratories of Europe: nitrated cotton (called guncotton) and nitroglycerin. As one writer said: "No other one business eventually was to undergo greater changes than was the du Pont Company as a consequence of these two discoveries. In modified forms, the two literally were to alter also, in time, the face of the earth."

The Nobels in Sweden developed the blasting cap and the safer use of the too unstable nitroglycerin by having it absorbed into a porous material and thus made dynamite. When dynamite took over from black powder, the output of mines and quarries more than doubled. Portland cement became available in quantity and concrete came into its own as the modern building and paving material we know today.

With the introduction of guncotton as the base for smokeless powder, cellulose would in time be cheap and plentiful, and would become, through the efforts of du Pont chemists, thousands of the things we now use every

day: plastics, lacquers, films, fabrics, coatings and many more.

At the end of the War Between The States there were 36 states in the Union, from then until 1912 when the 48th was admitted, the United States underwent the greatest industrial growth of its history, and The du Pont Company grew with it.

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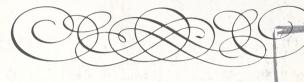
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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Convention 1977 - the countdown has begun and all systems are go. The place is Williamsburg, Va. at the 1776 Inn. The time is 10:00 A.M. Friday, September 16th until 5:00 P.M. Sunday, September 18th. Our Saturday evening banquet speaker will be Mr. Jackson O'Neal Lamb, Staff Director of The House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Historic Preservation and Coinage. We are planning to have over 40 coin

dealers in the Bourse area, plus plenty of interesting coin and paper money exhibits. We have scheduled bus tours to the Restored Area, Pottery Factory, Wax Museum, Busch Gardens and Jamestown. The food at the 1776 Inn is excellent and steak is their specialty. I can think of no better way to spend a weekend than this. One other thing is that at Williamsburg you will be with your friends that share the same interests in our hobby.

We are planning another Sunday morning breakfast meeting where representatives of each coin club discuss and share ideas of how to improve their meetings and become more informative. Each club should see that they are represented and any member of the VNA is welcome to attend whether they represent a club or not.

Also we have an election of officers to guide our organization over the coming year. When you receive your ballot, please vote.

It looks like I took up all my page talking about our convention but at this point in time it is foremost on my mind. Hope to see you there.

George Miller President, VNA

#### FIRST ALL PAPER MONEY SHOW DECLARED A SUCCESS

Rag-pickers from all over joined in thanking general chairman Mike Crabb and all the others involved in conducting the first all paper money show in Memphis June 4th and 5th.

More than 850 people registered for the Memphis Coin Club sponsored event, featuring a bourse of almost 70 paper money dealers, an educational forum, meetings of many organizations of paper money collectors and a superb talk and slide show presented by Bob Charles, Vice President of the American Bank Note Company.

## 11 Cent Virginia Note Found

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Don:

I am enclosing a photograph of a recently acquired treasure that may be acceptable for the cover of an issue of The Virginia Numismatist - or, in a less staid publication, perhaps a centerfold. I know of no other example of an 11 cent denomination in Virginia paper money.

This specimen turned up locally in a nondescript group of paper money and was the only specimen of scrip in the group. Its low serial number may

indicate that only a very few were ever issued.

R.T. Sale was the proprietor of a grocery-confectionary store in Richmond on Cary Street between 13th and 14th Streets. Since very few specimens of his notes are known (by me) to be in collectors' hands, I can only assume that his business was a stable one and most of his notes were redeemed.

The design of this note is a standard form and the printer could change to any denomination desired by simply resetting a line or two of type and the numerals. The size of the note is identical with that of the  $5\phi$  note

pictured in Afflect.

I can only speculate on what prompted Mr. Sale to issue an  $11 \centered property for the certainty is not one easily adaptable to making change. Perhaps he had some standard item with a <math>39 \centered property for 89 \centered property for each of the extra that in this manner. Perhaps, also, it was just an advertising device to give publicity to his business. We will probably never be sure. It is certain that in the galloping inflation in Richmond at this time, and the virtual non-existance of small change, the difference in buying power of this note and a <math>10 \centered property for each of the content of the co$ 

The note does show signs of circulation and I expect it was spent a good many times. At any rate I am happy to report that it has come to appreciative hands and is now resting just around the corner from the spot where it

was first issued and spent its commercial life.

James A. Johnson, Jr.

Editor's Note:

We do not often receive letters like this, and want to express our thanks to VNA Past President James A. Johnson, Jr., for sharing his unusual find with us and The Virginia Numismatist. As you saw when you looked at this issue, the picture is on the cover. Are there any more 11¢ notes out there?

## Calendar of Coin Shows

CLUB	LOCATION	DATE
Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association	Sheraton Motor Inn New Carrollton, Maryland	July 8 - 10
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center	July 29 - 31
Blue Ridge Numismatic Association	Memorial Auditorium Greenville, S.C.	Aug. 18 - 21
American Numismatic Association	Atlanta, Georgia	Aug. 23 - 28
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	1776 INN WILLIAMSBURG	SEPT. 16 - 18
Rockingham Coin Club	Sheraton Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 24 - 25
Kent Coin Club	Dover, Delaware	Sept. 25
Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association	Sheraton Inn Northeast New Carrollton, Maryland	Oct. 21 - 22
Great Eastern Numismatic Association	Philadelphia, Penna.	Dec. 1 - 4

#### APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

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# 1977 Colonial Capitol Convention

As it has been for many years, the highlight of our numismatic activities for the year in Virginia will be the 19th Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, to be held at the 1776 Inn in Williamsburg, the location of the Colonial Capitol of Virginia.

In order to be able to see as many as possible of the many interesting places and attractions of the Peninsula, we suggest that you arrange to come early and stay later than the Convention.

September is an ideal time to visit this area of Virginia, and our convention manager has arranged visits to some of the near-by areas for our members.

Williamsburg is just off of Interstate 64, and not very far from Patrick Henry International Airport, as well as being on the route of bus lines from all areas of the state.

Please remember, too, that our conventions are not commercial coin shows .... there are lots of Bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic materials for sale, but in addition there are also exhibits of all types, meetings and talks, and best of all, the fellowship of meeting with and talking to your friends.

Make your plans now and get your reservations in early to be sure you have the accommodations you want. You and your family will also enjoy the swimming pool, tennis courts and golf course available for use by the guests.

The attractions of Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, Busch Gardens, the Pottery Shop, Langley Field, Fort Monroe, the Mariners Museum and many other interesting areas of the Virginia Peninsula will vie for your spare time while not actually attending the Convention.

#### **EXHIBITS**

Be sure to get in touch with Chairman James A. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 34450, to arrange for space for your exhibits. This is a once a year opportunity to show the rest of us your collecting interests and tell us all about them. Awards will be presented for: "Best of Show", the "Charles Affleck Award" for the best paper money exhibit and seven (7) "Outstanding Awards" for the next seven top awards without regard for category. Let's all try our best to come up with a winning exhibit for our Annual Convention, and be sure to enjoy this important part of the meeting.

#### BOURSE

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited. Chairman Ray Haymaker tells us that tables are selling well, and that a wide range of numismatic materials will be available for all collecting interests. Be sure to take a look at all of the tables to see if you can find something you need for your collection, and possibly a new interest, too. For information about tables, write: Raymond G. Haymaker, RFD 1, Box 322, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422.

#### ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet, held on Saturday night following the social hour, is always one of the most interesting parts of the Convention. Following the excellent dinner will be the installation of officers for next year, presentation of awards and exhibit plaques, and our featured dinner speaker. Please be sure to secure your dinner tickets when you register at the desk.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Motel on Saturday, September 17th. Time and place of the meeting will be announced.

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

Next to the registration desk will be a table displaying the VNA membership pins for sale, along with Charlie Affleck's two books on "The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" and Douglas Ball's "Confederate Interim Depository Receipts & Funding Certificates Issued in the Commonwealth of Virginia". Be sure to buy these if you do not already have them, and remember that these also make an excellent present for your local library.

#### "RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

Last but far from least of the Saturday activities, don't forget that on that evening, following the banquet, the "rag-pickers" will assemble for their annual get-together. Remember, only once a year is there a chance to attend a meeting like this!

#### **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES**

All member clubs are asked to be sure to appoint yoursClub Representative to attend the meeting with the other representatives from around the state.



One of Williamsburg's most significant buildings is the Colonial Capitol, open daily as a reminder of the events here from 1765 - 1776 when George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and other patriots helped lead the American Colonies toward independence.

#### CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee, but space is available for advertisements by members, clubs and dealers in the Convention Program. In addition, for the sum of \$2.00 you can be listed in the Program as a Patron, to help offset the cost of presenting the Show.

Please send your advertising copy and checks to: The Virginia Numismatist, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669.

#### OUR DINNER SPEAKER

For our guest speaker at the dinner on Saturday night, we have selected Mr. Jackson O'Neal Lamb, Staff Director of the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Historic Preservation and Coinage. We feel most fortunate to be able to present Mr. Lamb as our speaker, since the work of the subcommittee in connection with our nation's coinage is of vital interest to all of us, both as collectors and as users of coins.

Many changes have been proposed and no doubt some will be made in our coins and currency with the new administration in Washington . . . . . A new Treasurer has been proposed by the President, a new Secretary of the Treasury has been appointed, the Director of the Mint has resigned and none has been appointed to replace her as yet, the Director and Assistant Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing both expect to retire as of July 1st., a report has been submitted that proposes several major changes in the size and denominations of the circulating coins, as well as the possible elimination of the one cent coin - all of these and more will be aired in hearings before the subcommittee. With a new Treasury Secretary and a new Treasurer, there will probably be a new series of paper money before too long, too.

Be sure to obtain your dinner tickets when you register so you will be able to be there to hear this informative speaker.

#### MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please remember to arrange in advance for your rooms at The 1776 Inn, Williamsburg, Virginia. You will be sent a motel reservation form early in August. Be sure to send it in early for the best selection of rooms.

## news of our clubs

#### MONTICELLO COIN CLUB

Two of the meetings of the Club in Charlottesville this spring featured slide shows from the VNA library. Plans are being made for a Coin Show later on this year.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Spring meetings were featured by "Your Other Hobby Night" and an auction of material from club members with a limit of ten items from each person. Both programs drew a good attendance.

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Programs on "The Charm of Collecting Old (and New) Communion Tokens, by Sedge Moss and "ABC'S for Coin Collectors" were presented at the meeting in St. Columba's Parish Hall. As usual in recent years, there will be no more meetings until fall, to enable members to attend the MWNA Convention in July and the ANA meeting in August.

#### METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The 12th Annual Coin Show and Convention will be held by the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association on July 8, 9 and 10th., at the Sheraton Inn in New Carrollton, Maryland, reached by Capital Beltway Exit 30W. Features include an Educational Forum with Mrs. Mary Brooks, Mr. Denis Cudahy and Mr. Roger S. Cohen, with Frank and Laurese Katen as moderators; an auction by Paramount International; about 120 Bourse dealers; exhibits on all types of numismatic specialties, and meetings of various organizations. Take a trip to our Nation's capital, and enjoy a fine show.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

As usual, our friends over on the Eastern Shore have a lot of projects going during and between their meetings. In addition, plans are underway for the Annual Coin Show on Sunday, September 25th, in Dover. All their friends from across the Bay are invited to attend.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Programs featuring Jewish medals and coins were scheduled for the spring meetings at the Jewish Community Center in Norfolk. Visitors are always made welcome.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Programs on "History of the English Pennies" by Gerald Jackson and "Events Leading up to the Allison Bland Act of 1878" by Michael S. Shutty, Jr., were the highlights of the May and June meetings at the Virginia Wesleyan College Library in Norfolk.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

Members were very pleased with the results of the Coin Show at the Tanglewood Mall. An impromptu auction will be the main item at the June meeting.

#### ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Members are all involved in the plans for the Show and Sale to be held in the Roanoke Civic Center in downtown Roanoke July 29, 30 and 31. Take a trip over to the valley and see a show with coins, guns and antiques in the beautiful City of Roanoke.

#### SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

In addition to the regular club programs, reports were made on the displays and programs presented by the Club in Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Petersburg for 1977 National Coin Week in Virginia. This is the home club of VNA Vice-President Louis Doucet, Chairman of the 1977 National Coin Week in Virginia, and they gave him fine support.

#### FRONT ROYAL COIN CLUB

In addition to its regular programs, the Club held a "mini coin show" in connection with National Coin Week, which was well received by the general public.

#### THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1977 - 1978

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association state that an Election Committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of Officers and Directors for each expiring elected office, not later than July 15th of each year. Additional nominations for any open office may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees shall be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Convention in September, by ballot.

The nominating committee presents the following slate of Officers:

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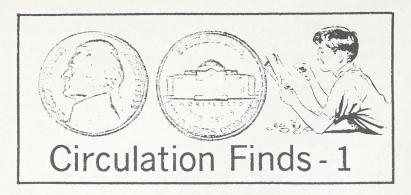
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## NUMISMATIC NEWS STARTS NEW FEATURE "CIRCULATION FINDS"

In the June 4th issue, NUMISMATIC NEWS started a new series entitled "Circulation Finds", to encourage coin collecting at the grass roots level, and to show collectors that it is still possible to find worthwhile coins in pocket change.

#### CIRCULATION FINDS - 1

When was the last time you enjoyed the exhilaration of enhancing your collection by selecting a circulating coin which passed through your hands?

I'm certain the answer offered by most readers would be: "A long time ago." I suspect that "long time" may in the majority of instances have been 10 years or more.

That may not be the case if you are a youngster just getting started in the coin collecting hobby. Or, if you have been assembling keepsake collections of coins encountered during the course of world travels. There's also the chance that, if you're a world coin collector, you could have located a choice addition to your collection while visiting a distant outpost in a country you collect.

In all likelihood, however, it has been a considerable time since you enjoyed the joy of discovery from pocket change. I'll even venture that there are many in the audience who have never felt the experience. It's been a long time since the pre-1965 coins were all but completely eradicated from our circulating coinage.

It's probably a fond recollection, however, if you've been a collector for 12-15 years or more. That would more than likely make you a Member of the old school whose real discovery of coin collecting resulted from the pursuit of gleanings from pocket change.

When our hobby was booming to the attention of a broad cross section of the American public in the mid 1950s, a good portion of the resulting popularity developed because of the realization that valuable coins could be located through diligent search of pocket change.

Those were the days when a 1914-D, 1931-S, 1916-D, or perhaps even a 1909-SVDB, or any one of a score of other key coins were still lurking out there for discovery in significant numbers. Whitman's 35-cent blue folders were all the rage . . . the families that had at least one occupied probably dominated . . . and fortunate collectors were eagerly sharing their joys with a newfound covey of friends through "circulation finds" reports in the pages of the coin publications of the day.

Wouldn't it be a pleasure to see this spirit of old recaptured in the waning years of the 1970s?

It's with the thought that the assembly of a collection of modern U.S. coins from circulation can once again be an interesting . . . and challenging pursuit that I determined some time ago to work on just such a project this summer.

Over the coming weeks I'll be spending some of my spare hours pouring through rolls of coins, punching them into the successor to the blue folder, Whitman's glassine windowed albums (today's going price is \$4 and \$5 per album, depending on its page size), and preparing weekly reports on my finds. I'm looking forward to the experience with a good bit of anticipation, as I can't recall my last circulation find.

Why don't you join in and see if your experience in searching through pocket change parallels mine? And let me know what you find, so I can share your experience with your follow readers. I think it'll be an interesting experience for all.

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A souvenir card will be issued in conjunction with Bureau exhibit participation at the American Numismatic Association's 86th anniversary convention, August 23-28, 1977, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The subject of the card is an engraving, printed from a plate prepared from the original master die, of the obverse of the \$5 Silver Certificate, Series 1899. The Indian in the design is a likeness of Ta-to'-ka-in'-yna-ka, who was also known as Running Antelope. Several publications have identified the portrait as "Onepapa." The Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, attributes this to a typographical error for "Onepapa," the tribe of Sioux to which Running Antelope belonged. This is the only issue of United States paper money for which an Indian was selected as the central feature.

A photograph, taken in 1872 by Alexander Gardner, which is on file at the Smithsonian Institution, was used as a model for the portrait. The only difference between the photograph and the engraved portrait is the war bonnet which was added by the Bureau's modeler. G.F.C. Smillie engraved the portrait in 1899.

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With the interest in Tokens and Jetons sharing the spotlight with paper money it was decided to reprint this rare booklet. The booklet has 15 pages and two plates. The reprint plates are in finer detail than the originals. Forty six jetons are illustrated complementing the 51 jetons and one medal described obverse and reverse. In addition there is a page translating to English the Latin legends employed as well as listing the die-cutters.

The booklet may be obtained from coin shops or from the publishers, Frank and Laurese Katen, 13311 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904, for \$6.00 plus postage.



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If you or your club have never had an ad in our convention program, why not consider it this year. Also, if you have never had an exhibit at a VNA Convention, you will find it most rewarding.

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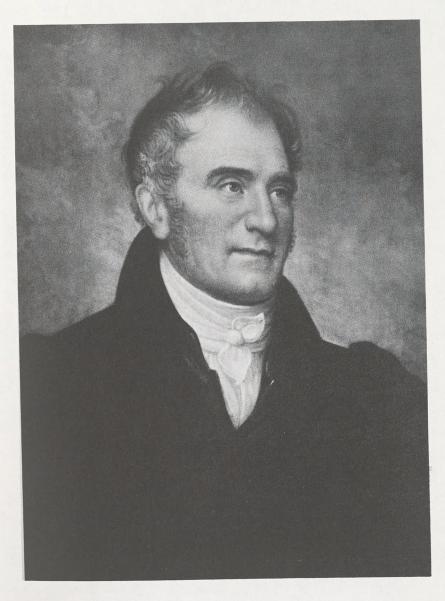
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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Convention 1977 - the countdown is almost completed and all systems are go. The place is Williamsburg, Va., at the 1776 Inn. The time is 10:00 AM Friday, September 16th. until 5:00 PM Sunday, September 18th.

As President of the VNA it is a pleasure and an honor to invite each one of you to the Colonial Capitol 19th. Annual Convention of our Association here in Williamsburg. To me, Williamsburg is one of the most interesting and historic cities in the world.

Enjoy the fellowship of our Convention: whether this is your first time with us or if you are a life member, there will be something here for everyone. Look at the exhibits, check the bourse area for coins or paper money you need, and above all meet your old friends and make new ones.

Our Saturday evening banquet speaker will be Mr. Jackson O'Neal Lamb, Staff Director of The House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Subcommittee on Historic Preservation and Coinage.

We have scheduled tours to the more interesting parts of the City of Williamsburg and the surrounding area, so you and your family can enjoy your free time.

Try to arrange to come early and stay late. We all hope that you will enjoy the fellowship of the Convention and your fall vacation here in Williamsburg. The other officers, the board members, and all the people who have worked to make this Convention possible join me in wishing that it will be the best one you have ever attended.

George Miller President, VNA

#### **VNA ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS**

Be sure to check your mail for the special envelope containing convention materials that was sent to each member in August. Enclosed are details for the Colonial Capitol 19th. Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, to be held at the 1776 Inn in Williamsburg, September 16, 17 and 18, 1977.

The City of Williamsburg is located in the heart of Tidewater Virginia,

and we are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

#### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the 1776 Inn, Williamsburg, Virginia, on Saturday, September 17, 1977, at a time and place to be announced. The election of officers and other items on the agenda will be considered.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The special mailing contained information on the accommodations, prices and facilities available at the 1776 Inn in Williamsburg. Since the tourist season may extend later this year, be sure to make your reservations as early as possible for the best selection of rooms.

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

Displayed on a table next to the registration desk will be VNA books and membership pins, as well as other items for your consideration.

#### BOURSE

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited to check on the wide range of numismatic items available for collectors. Chairman Ray Haymaker advises that the dealers will be waiting to talk to you about your collecting interests, and perhaps show you some new ones. There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or exhibits, however, guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

#### **EXHIBITS**

Get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. It takes time and work, but it is a lot of fun to fix an exhibit for your collecting interest and show the rest of us how to put together an interesting, informative and attractive exhibit. Attractive plaques will be awarded to the winners, and these will show up nicely on your wall. There will be plenty of space there for exhibits, so let's fill it up with a variety of displays.

#### **CONVENTION PROGRAM**

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee to the Annual Convention, but advertising space in the Convention Program is available for members, friends, clubs, dealers, publishers and other interested persons.

If you do not wish to take a regular ad, you may be listed in the Convention Program as a Patron for the sum of \$2.00, to help offset the cost of presenting the Show.

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#### **OUR DINNER SPEAKER**

We have been fortunate to be able to secure for our dinner speaker Mr. Jackson O'Neal Lamb, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Historic Preservation and Coinage of the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives. Any legislation that relates to coins, currency or medals is referred to this subcommittee.

Mr. Lamp has been a collector for years, and in his native state of Georgia and in Washington he has been working both in the fields of historic preservation and in coinage.

Since many changes have been proposed in our coins and currency to the new administration in Washington, Mr. Lamb's talk on the activities of the Subcommittee will be of vital interest to all of us, both as users and as collectors of coins.

Be sure to obtain your dinner tickets when you register to be able to be there to hear this interesting and informative speaker.

#### **ANNUAL BANQUET**

The banquet will be held Saturday night, following the social hour. This is always the highlight of the Convention.

Following the excellent dinner that has been arranged for us will be the installation of officers for their new terms, presentation of awards, the awarding of plaques for the exhibits, and our featured speaker, Mr. Jackson O'Neal Lamb, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Historic Preservation and Coinage of the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives. He will tell us something of the activities of the Subcommittee and the people involved with the changes that may come with the new administration in Washington. We suggest that you arrange for your tickets when you register.

Remember, we only have an opportunity once a year to meet with our friends from all over Virginia, and from many other states, in connection with our fine hobby of numismatics. Don't miss it!

#### "RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

Don't forget that on Saturday night after the banquet the Rag-Pickers will assemble for their annual conference and discussion period. Time and place of the meeting will be announced at the Convention. All that are interested in the history and collection of paper money are invited to attend. Remember - you only get this opportunity once a year, so don't miss it!

#### **CLUB-REPRESENTATIVE BREAKFAST**

All member clubs are requested to appoint someone to attend the breakfast and meeting on Sunday morning. These meetings are an important place to discuss club problems and successes, where you can tell each other how your club functions and exchange ideas as to how to make them work better. This is one of the more important opportunities at a state convention, so be sure that your club has someone there. Please arrange for your tickets when you register.

#### TOURS

Arrangements have been made for tours at different times to various of the places of interest in and around Williamsburg, if conditions permit and enough people sign up. It is requested that all persons interested in these trips sign up when registering.

#### COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP

In conclusion, please remember that our conventions are not commercial coin shows . . . . there are lots of bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic items for sale, but there are also exhibits of all types, educational and business meetings, trips around the beautiful Tidewater Virginia area . . . . and best of all, the fellowship of meeting with and talking to your friends, both old and new. Make your plans to attend now, and get your reservations in early.

Arrange to come early and stay later, to avail yourself of the opportunity to see some of the many interesting and historical sites in

Williamsburg and Tidewater Virginia.

In Williamsburg and nearby are the restored areas of Colonial Williamsburg: the College of William and Mary; antique, gift and book shops; the Pottery Shop; the old plantations along the James River; Jamestown Island, the Glass Factory, Jamestown Exposition and the Three Ships; Yorktown with its' battlefields and two visitors' centers: Mariners Museum and War Memorial Museum and the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. in Newport News; Langley Field and Ft. Monroe and the Hampton Roads tour boat in Hampton; the Naval Operating Base in Norfolk on the site of the 1907 Jamestown Exposition - are just some of the many and varied attractions not too far from Williamsburg. And a whole day can be spent at The Old Country at Busch Gardens near Williamsburg. At the motel are tennis courts, swimming pool and a golf course for guests. Bring your walking shoes and have a wonderful time before, during and after the Virginia Numismatic Association Colonial Capitol 19th. Annual Convention, September 16, 17 and 18, 1977, at the 1776 Inn, Williamsburg, Virginia. See you there!

#### 1977 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ballots for the slate of officers whose terms expire this year were sent with the special mailing for the Convention materials in August.

Please be sure that your marked ballot is either returned at once to the Secretary-Treasurer at Roanoke, or given to him at the Annual Convention in time for the votes to be counted prior to the Annual Meeting. All eligible members are urged to vote for the candidates of your choice.

# Calendar of Coin Shows

CLUB	LOCATION	DATE
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	1776 INN WILLIAMSBURG	SEPT. 16-18
Rockingham Coin Club	Sheraton Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 24-25
Kent Coin Club	Dover, Delaware	Sept. 25
Alexandria Coin Club	Falls Church Com Ctr 223 Little Falls Street Falls Church	Oct. 8-9
Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association	Sheraton Inn-Northeast New Carrollton, Md.	Oct. 21-23
Winchester Coin Club	National Guard Armory Millwood Ave Exit 80-181, Winchester	Oct. 29-30
Great Eastern Numismatic Association	Sheraton Hotel Philadelphia, Penna.	Dec. 1-4

#### APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors.

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# news of our clubs

#### ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB

In addition to the regular club business at meetings, plans are being made for the 16th Annual Coin Show on October 8 and 9 at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. For information, write Mr. Rudy Stadtmiller, Advertising Chairman, P.O. Box 4322, Arlington, VA 22204.

#### WINCHESTER COIN CLUB

The Club meets the second Monday of the month, all visitors are welcome. The July meeting was the annual picnic, enjoyed by all. At the business meeting, committees were assigned and plans set up for the 12th Annual Coin Show, to be held at the National Guard Armory, Millwood Avenue, Exit 80181, October 29-30. This is a beautiful time to visit the Winchester area.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore have been active this summer, with a picnic, regular meetings, trips to attend and exhibit at other coin shows, and now making plans for their 6th Annual Show to be held on Sunday, September 25th, 10 AM to 6 PM, at the Sheraton Inn, North duPont Highway, Dover, Delaware. They will make you welcome, and the Sho' is a nice place to visit in the fall.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Featured at the July meeting was a program by Fred Ruben entitled "World Coin Quiz", followed by a short coin auction. It is still some way off, but early preparations are being made for Coin-A-Rama 1978.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

The July meeting will consist of an audio-visual program entitled "The Formation of Israel's Defense Forces. There will be no meeting in August.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Highlighting the July meeting was an interesting slide program by Frank Hannah on "Virginia County Notes", and for August, a talk by John Gearhart on "Comments on Silver Dollars". Many members will be attending the Virginia Numismatic Association Annual Convention in Williamsburg September 16 to 18.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

Meetings at the Salem Club continue through the summer, with emphasis on planning for the winter programs.

#### BOOK REVIEW

# EDKIN'S CATALOGUE OF COAL COMPANY STORE SCRIP (TOKENS) FIRST EDITION 1977

The Catalogue Committee of The National Scrip Collectors Association announces special pre-publication prices on VNA member Donald O. Edkins long awaited Catalogue of Coal Company Scrip, which contains many of the pieces known from Virginia in some five hundred pages, containing over 10,000 described tokens, with many illustrations, indexed for easy attribution.

This new book describes in detail and gives approximate market value, through a rariety scale rating, of every piece of coal company store scrip token that has been submitted to the author for listing purposes over a five year period, up to Decemer 31, 1976.

The book is described as a monumental work, long awaited by experienced and novice collectors alike. This should be a valuable addition to the numismatic libraries of collectors, dealers and libraries.

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### VIRGINIA'S LATIN AMERICAN CONNECTION

by: Dr. Douglas B. Ball

For many years, prior to 1860, Southerners imported most of their manufactured goods from the North, including the presses and type fonts used by Southern Newspapers and Stationers. In addition to type, stock vignettes were purchased for use in advertisements. For instance, a morter and pestle, would preherald the sales pitch of the druggist; a horse, dog or cow, the sale of the same or a reward for their recovery. A steamboat or train advised the would be traveler of arrivals and departures.

Among the specialized vignettes used in the South were those of a black man walking with bundle on the end of a stick or a black woman carrying a bundle. Both were used, according to the gender of the delinquent, to announce a reward for a runaway slave. During the Confederate war, such designs found their way into the Virginia currency, such as those notes circulated by John B. Smith, a Waynesboro (Augusta County) merchant.

Evidently either a set of type was ordered, but not delivered to a Southern firm prior to the outbreak of hostilities on April 12, 1861, or else a Northern firm had a type font in stock with such vignettes. In any case, no more sales could be expected in the South, so another market had to be found. Indeed, it is quite possible that a type font with these vignettes could have been sold at any time from roughly 1850 onwards.

In any event, such a type font was purchased by the official government newspaper, Semanario, in Ascuncion, Paraguay. That gazette, as the only printing establishment in the country, was personally edited by the current ruler, for it was the policy of first, Rodriguez de Francia (1816-40), then his nephew, Carlos Lopez (1840-62) and finally, the latter's youthful son, Francisco Solano Lopez (1862-1870), to keep the country as isolated and ignorant as possible, of that most dangerous infection; liberty, or its herald, literacy. As the language of 95% of the people was, and still is, Guarani, an Indian tongue spoken nowhere else, the Semanario was published in Spanish. The average citizen therefore knew nothing of the outside world and the commerce of the country was monopolized for the benefit of the dictators. Foreigners were, under various pretexts, rigorously excluded. Indeed, the Americans were among the few allowed to accredit a minister to Ascuncion or trade there, for the good reason that American moral pressure had proved crucial in preventing Brazil and the Argentine Confederation from partitioning the country in the early 1850's. Similarly, in 1878, American intervention resulted in one Paraguayan province being named Presidente Hayes.

In any event, driven to the point of paranoia, the Lopezs created the largest and most efficient army in Latin America. This, backed by ample arms, supplies, specie and powerful fortifications, seemed to assure permanent family control of Paraguay.

Unfortunately, Francisco Solano Lopez had developed a taste not only for military affairs but also for a fascinating and ambitious Irish mistress, Ms. Lynch. The combination of these hobbies led to a desire to prove his virility through his brilliance as a general. He was also eager to secure an outlet to the Atlantic Ocean for his landlocked nation.

In 1865, in response to an appeal for help from the Conservative Blanco President of Uruguay, Aguirre, who was being driven from office by the more radical Colorado ex-President, Flores, Lopez invaded the Argentine provinces of Corrientes and Entre Rios in a vain attempt to succor his ally. The alarmed Brazilians, who were surreptitiously backing Flores, an erstwhile puppet of theirs, concluded a treaty of alliance with the new Colorado government of Uruguay and the Argentine Confederation, thereby beginning the Paraguayan War (1865-70).



The effects of this sanguinary conflict proved disagreeably far reaching for all concerned. The Blanco Party in Uruguay, tainted with treason, did not take office again until 1963 - a 98 year hiatus in the opposition wilderness - surely a record! The Argentine President, who initially commanded the allied forces, was driven out of office in 1868 because of his demonstrated incompetence. The Brazilian Empire, for its part, never recovered its popularity or moral authority, for the Treasury was exhausted and the populace incensed about the favoritism, fraud, mismanagement and pervasive corruption which had needlessly cost thousands of lives and undermined the entire war effort.





Paraguay suffered the national equivalent of crucifiction. The Guarani soldiers were sacrificed needlessly and ruthlessly by the bullheaded and insane Lopez, whose generalship and brutality matched Hitler at his worst. When not busy executing those whose only crime was that they were related to soldiers who had been starved into submission, this tyrant was occupied with murdering the members of his own family for having the temerity to suggest that the struggle be abandoned after the loss of the capital in 1868. Ultimately Lopez himself was slain, but not before he had reduced his nation's population from 1.2 million to 228,000 people, only 28,000 or so of whom were adult males.

Even the immense accumulated treasures of 50 years proved inadequate to the task of prosecuting the suicidal contest. Soon, the hard pressed despot had occasion to resort to paper money, issues, which perforce were printed by the official government press in Ascunsion, which as was noted above, was the only printing establishment in the country. There were several note emissions, one of which in Peso denominations was printed in blue ink on white paper, watermarked with the arms of the nation and "Serra" and "Sorrino." Other, fractional notes, such as that for 1 real (12½6) were emitted. The 1 real and 10 Peso notes have our old friends, the runaway slave vignettes; the 5 Peso note has another American creation, a miner lashing a mule, which was used in the West for mining, pack train, mining supplies, etc. advertisements.

It is in this strange way that the numismatics of Virginia and Paraguay are linked, both being united by a common source for their typography and a common and almost contemporaneous cause for issue (war) amid scenes of suffering and tragedy.

#### OTHER HOBBIES

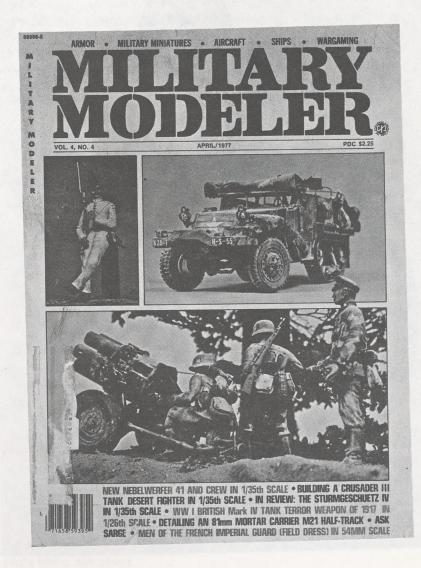
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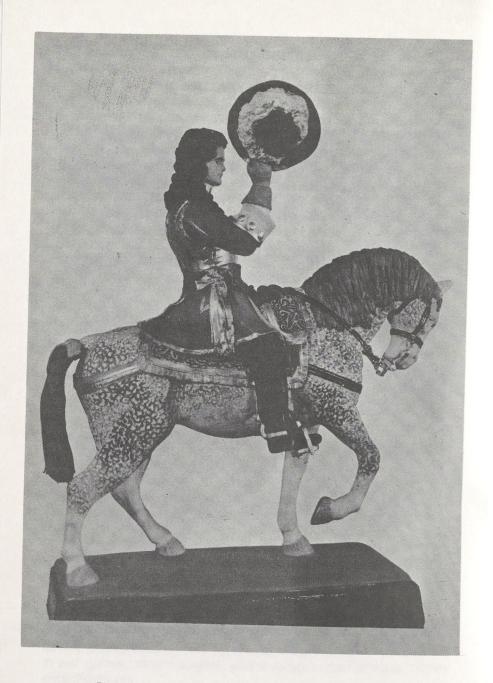
Editor's Note: Several member Clubs have held very successful "Other Hobbies Night" programs, when members reported on and brought samples of their collecting interests in various fields other than numismatics. In this and future issues, we will explore some of them

#### **MILITARY MINIATURES**

Although the growth of societies devoted to the study and collection of little warriors is a twentieth-century development, the fascination for man of miniature models of soldiers and their impedimenta has existed for several thousand years. Museums in many parts of the world include among their treasures examples of small martial figurines, dating almost from the beginning of time to modern works of craftsmanship and art. Made from wood, clay, base or precious metal, as well as more transient materials, they were intended to portray a side of life as old as man himself. The collector of today is found in many countries and walks of life. Recent research has brought to light previously little-known references to the part which model soldiers have played in the lives of great men, as well as clues to the purpose for which the prehistoric figures were made. The earliest known models are classed by archaeologists as tomb furniture, a category which includes many small works of art. Many must be of votive origin, but at least some were playthings.

Today, the model soldier is a recognized art form in which to portray uniforms, equipment and military activity. The shape and style of the figures may vary from the delicate flat to the fully rounded. and the scale from 1/75th for diorama work to 1/32nd, or standard size. Historical Institutes and Museums now not only include examples of early models as objects of intrinsic interest, but set out deliberately to portray historical events by a single figure, groups or elaborate dioramas. Examples of this may be seen at Yorktown. Apart from their use in war games, model soldiers play a valuable part in many military establishments





Picture of military figure from? Model Soldiers, by Henry Harris

Collections are generally built up in three ways: by the purchase of connoisseur figures; by relying on the output of the toy makers, or by making or converting for yourself. No doubt the later is the most satisfying, but in practice most collectors resort to all three methods, and the size and quality of his collection will be decided by financial considerations, the availability of suitable toys, and his own standards of taste, knowledge and craftsmanship. Probably there is no clear dividing line between maker and collector, buyer or seller/some of the makers have entered the industry partly to satisfy their own requirements, and many amateurs make figures or parts for fellow amateurs in exchange for other figures made by them.

As in other fields, books, magazines, dealers and collector organizations are all available for the hobby of military modelers of all ages and interests. War games and models are for sale for land, sea and space battles, to satisfy the demands of young and old, amateur and

professional.

#### **RAILWAY POST OFFICES MAKE LAST RUN**

Thursday, June 30, 1977 saw the last runs of the Railway Post Offices carrying the U.S. Mail on American Railroads.

Following are some comments from the newspapers . . . .

#### RPO Arrives Late for its Funeral

Washington (UPI) - America's last railway post office arrived 15 minutes late for its funeral today and 346 bags of mail short.

After a nearly flawless run from New York, one of the two mail-sorting railway post office (RPO) cars on the five-car train developed brake trouble in Baltimore and was left behind.

Postal officials at the scene decided to leave all 346 bags of mail, to

be trucked to Washington later.

The delay in Baltimore pushed Washington arrival time to 4:20 AM EST, 15 minutes late, despite some fast running by engineer J.A. Terhune.

This brought to an end a 113-year era of sorting mail on the move. Thousands of RPO routes cone crossed the United States but were cut back drastically in the 1960's. By 1972 only the New York - Washington night trains remained.

Last Gasp Of An Era

The last remaining railroad post office in the U.S. closed shop Thursday, the final gasp of an era that long since had passed.

No too many years ago, railways were central in the mail delivery system. The establishment of postal stations on board moving trains was an innovation that proved worthwhile, since it allowed handling of some mail while it was being transported.

But most railroad mail delivery was phased out years ago, and it came as something of a surprise to us - and no doubt to others - that the railway postal station between Washington and New York City was still

operating.

Rail buffs no doubt will mourn its passing, and philatelists may feel deprived, as they sometimes do when changes take place, but a postal service struggling with mounting costs cannot afford unnecessary luxuries, no matter how historic they may be.

Most of the mail between those two points, as between others, has been moving by air for a number of years. The postal service has been determined this is a better way, and it probably is right, although mail delivery still takes a scandalous amount of time.

Thus, there is little need to regret the passing of this vestigal unit. It joins the many other things that have been bypassed in the modern technological and organizational rush.

Hopefully, it represents progress in the postal service, although the agency has been successful in thwarting quite a bit of it thus far.

#### DAILY PRESS - TIMES HERALD

#### Too Late, Jesse!

When railway post office train No. 3 clattered into Washington, D.C., the other day, another bit of Americana redolent with nostalgia faded forever in the station gloom. It was the last run of the more than 100year-old New York to Washington postal car service on which the mail was sorted by deft clerks as the cars jounced their way over the roadbed

It all, of course, harks back to another era in which a vast network of these postal cars at one time included 1,500 routes. There are imperishable images that remain, however, the grizzled clerk tossing letters into slots, pistol slapping his thigh in time to the car's careen. And, somewhere around the curve, Jesse James and brother, Frank, waiting silently.

"We were the Marine Corps of the Postal Service," şaid one veteran of the routes on that last day, and there's no gainsaying that.

It is sadly appropriate that the last train arrived 15 minutes late for its funeral and 346 bags of mail short. That tells us a lot about the new postal service, and more than we want to know about the modern-day America.

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#### PRESIDENT'S LETTER



This will be my first letter to you since you elected me as your president for the next two years. I would like to thank each of you for your support, and for the confidence you showed in me. I will do my utmost to live up to your expectations and the high standard of the Virginia Numismatic Association.

I have appointed the following committees:

1. Updating slide programs.

Chairman: Frank Hannah and James Johnson.

Publications for the Numismatist.Don Roberts, Ray Williamson and Steve Taylor.

Other committees will be appointed in the near future.

I would appreciate any suggestions or ideas that you might have to help VNA. Feel free to write me at any time.

I would also like to appoint each VNA member as an ambassador for VNA, at any coin show or like affair that you might attend, and always try to sign up new members, or renew old members.

Plans are moving along for our next Annual Convention which will be in Fredricksburg, Va. on Sept. 15-16-17, 1978.

Sincerely,

Raymond G. Haymaker President, VNA

#### **NEW MINT MEDALS LIST ISSUED**

Changes have been made in the prices of the medals issued by the Mint, reflecting increased costs of production and postage.

A new free list may be obtained by writing to: Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175, asking for the revised price list of Medals of the United States Mint.

#### **DUES ARE DUE**

Please send dues to:

Richard Jones P.O. Box 1981 Roanoke, Virginia 24009

#### **APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse reaction is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors.

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#### **ERNEST M. SENECA**

Ernest M. Seneca, first President and long time supporter of The Virginia Numismatic Association, passed away shortly before our Annual Convention.

He and his wife "Tiny" were at 18 of our 19 Annual Conventions, talking to their many friends and customers from Table No. 1. For many of us, that was always our first stop when we entered the Bourse Room. He will be greatly missed.

#### **NEWS OF OUR CLUBS**

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Fall meetings were highlighted by reports on summer conventions and by the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Society. A booklet was printed showing the first 50 years of the Society.

#### FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

The Club is preparing for the 8th Annual Show at the Community Center at Charles and Canal Streets on February 11 and 12, 1978. The Club is issuing a form of scrip called "Turkey Money", which can be used in coin auctions at the Club and in trading sessions. Private scrip has come back to Fredericksburg after a 117 year absence.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Fall programs on "Photography of Coins and Paper Money" by David Schelefield and "Israel's Gold Coins" by Norman Berlin were presented to the Club. Plans are underway for COIN-A-RAMA 1978 to be held next spring.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Programs at the fall meetings were on the 1977 A.I.N.A. Study Tour of Israel and the 5-pound commemorative coins of Israel. Guests are welcome at the meetings held at the Jewish Community Center in Norfolk.

#### MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Plans are being made by our friends to the north of us for their Annual Seminar to be held at the Catonsville Community College in November and the Annual Convention next spring on April 16 and 16, 1978 at the Baltimore Hilton Inn, Reisterstown Road and the Beltway. These folks put on a nice show and guests are always made welcome.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

Fall meetings over on the Eastern Shore in Delaware will include the Annual Show and the Annual Banquet. This is an extremely active group, interested in all types of numismatic activities.

#### MONTICELLO COIN CLUB

The Charlottesville Club had their fall Coin Show at the Ken Johnson Cafeteria the last week end of October.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Featured at the September meeting were an impromptu auction and a report on the VNA Annual Convention at Williamsburg. The October meeting was held at the War Memorial Museum in Newport News, where the Club members were the guests of the Director, and looked at the exhibits in the Museum.

#### **ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB**

Regular club meetings and the annual show at the Sheraton Inn in Harrisonburg late in September kept the members busy this fall. Plans are underway for the winter programs.

#### ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB

The annual coin show to be held in Falls Church and the regular fall meetings were on the schedule of the Club in Alexandria.

#### FRONT ROYAL COIN CLUB

Making plans for the Coin Show to be held at the Fire Hall on the Route 522 By-pass on November 19 and 20 took up most of the meeting times during the fall season.

#### WINCHESTER COIN CLUB

Planning for the Coin Show to be held October 29 and 30 at the National Guard Armory on Millwood Avenue, reached by Exit 80-181, was the top priority item for the fall meetings.

#### SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

This active Club has begun its regular fall schedule and sent a large delegation to the VNA Annual Convention in Williamsburg.

A letter has been sent by the Club to the President of the United States protesting current efforts by Madalyn Murray O'Hara to remove the inscription "In God We Trust" from all coins and currency issued by our Country.

#### **REACH OUT!**

This is the last issue of the year, so we take the opportunity to wish you all a bountiful Thanksgiving, a very merry Christmas and the best of all New Years.

We ask that you take advantage of the new year and reach out the right hand of fellowship to all collectors, young and old, beginners and experienced. Become involved, and see just how much fun it can be!

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#### CALENDAR OF COIN SHOWS

CLUB	LOCATION	DATE
Monticello Coin Club	Ken Johnson Cafeteria Emmett Street Charlottesville	Oct. 29-30
Northern Virginia Coin Club	Community Center Vienna	Nov. 12-13
Front Royal Coin Club	Fire Hall, Route 522 by-pass, Front Royal	Nov. 19-20
Great Eastern Numismatic Association	Sheraton Hotel Philadelphia, Penna.	Dec. 1-4, 1977

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Fredericksburg Coin Club	Community Center Charles and Canal Sts. Fredericksburg	Feb. 11-12, 1978
American Numismatic Assn. Midyear Convention	The Broadmoor Colorado Springs, Col.	Feb. 15-19
Maryland State Numismatic Association	Baltimore Hilton Inn Baltimore Beltway, Md.	Apr. 15-16
National Paper Money Show	Holiday Inn- Rivermont Memphis, Tenn.	June 2-4
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	SHERATON INN FREDERICKSBURG	SEPT. 15-17

## COMMISSION ASKED FOR YORKTOWN BICENTENNIAL IN 1981

On October 19th., Representative Paul S. Trible, Jr., 1st. District, Virginia, introduced a resolution to create a commission to formulate plans to celebrate the Bicentennial of the victory at Yorktown on October 19, 1981.

In reply to our letter asking him to consider requesting a commemorative silver coin to celebrate the occasion, he advised that Section 3C of the resolution empowers the commission to recommend the issuance of commemorative coins, medals, certificates of recognition, and stamps.

We will keep in touch with Congressman Trible to follow the progress of his bill through the legislative mill.

#### **1977 ANNUAL CONVENTION NOTES**

If you missed the 1977 VNA Colonial Capitol Convention in Williamsburg – you missed a good one. But if you did, see what you missed in the notes and photographs that follow. Those that were there can enjoy it all over again. Our thanks go to all of those who worked so hard to make it possible.

Many of the folks attending the convention were new to the area, and they all tried to avail themselves of the tours and visits that had been set up for them. The only complaint we heard was that there was not time enough to get to all of the places of interest here on the Peninsula.

There were a variety of numismatic materials for sale in the bourse area, and both dealers and collectors seemed to be satisfied with their transactions. The one trouble we did have was that there was not enough space available for the displays that members had hoped to show to the visitors. Just save some of those fine displays for next year.

Ballots for new terms of officers and directors for the coming year were counted at the annual meeting Saturday afternoon.

Many member clubs were represented at the Club Breakfast on Sunday morning, to enjoy the food, fellowship and the opportunity to exchange information with those from clubs in other parts of the state.

On Saturday night, our very capable Master of Ceremonies, Walt Mason, kept things going smoothly during the excellent dinner, after which the awards were presented:

For displays:

Charles Afflect Award: Ralph Hicks, Fredericksburg, Va.

Best of Show: J. Vernon Epps, Lake City, S.C.

Non-Competitive: Steven Taylor, Dover, Delaware

Outstanding Awards Plaques:

Heinz Schnurbusch, Sandston, Va. Larry White, Liberty Center, Ohio Herbert Hall, Silver Spring, Md.
L.K. Chavis, Petersburg, Va.
Clarence Coleman, Roanoke, Va.
Thomas Mercer, Dover, Del.
Robert New, Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

Junior Award: Leah Epps, Lake City, S.C.
Certificate of Thanks for exhibit displayed:
Page Mann, Williamsburg, Va.

The Man of the Year Award was presented to Louis E. Doucet Certificates for Contributions to The Virginia Numismatist:

Ben Duncan
James A. Johnson, Jr.
Dr. Douglas B. Ball
Gerald Perry
Lawrence K. Chavis
Elvin B. Miller

John Pittman, Past President of the American Numismatic Association, made the introduction of the newly elected officers:

President – Raymond G. Haymaker

1st Vice President – Louis E. Doucet

2nd Vice President – Ralph A. Hicks, Jr.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Ernest "Foots" Byer

Board Members – Henry Hawkins, James M. Killingsworth

and George K. Morehead



After they were introduced, he inducted all of the officers and board members for the coming year.

Grover Criswell, the new President of the American Numismatis Association, presented to The Virginia Numismatic Association the 1976 Regional Publication Award of the ANA for The Virginia Numismatist. Accepting the award for the Officers, Board of Directors and the members of The Virginia Numismatic Association were the Editor, Don Roberts, and the Publisher, Frank Hannah, who thanked all of the persons who have contributed to The Virginia Numismatist and made this award possible. Publications from all over the United States and Canada were entered in competition for this award, some of them with much larger memberships and larger budgets for their publications.

Vice President Louis E. Doucet introduced our dinner speaker, Mr. Jackson O'Neal Lamb, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on Historic Preservation and Coinage of the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs of the U.S. House of Representatives. Mr. Lamb presented an interesting and informative talk on the history of the various committees that have operated in the past and how the present committee works. Then he told how the subcommittee will hold hearings next year on the various ideas as to how our coinage might be changed and ask for opinions from all persons interested in these matters.

After he spoke, various people in the audience asked questions and made suggestions as to the possibility of new commemorative coins being issued for the Bicentennial of the surrender at Yorktown on October 19, 1981, the Winter Olympics and for each of the 50 States in the Union. Those present asked how they could work with the Subcommittee in a cooperative effort, rather than as adversaries. Mr. Lamb suggested that our ideas be presented to the members of the subcommittee when the hearings are started next year. When asked about the Assay Commission and the sale of the rest of the silver dollars being held by the Treasury, he told us that these were not matters that could be acted upon by the subcommittee, but by other government agencies. The President thanked Mr. Lamb for being with us and presenting his informative program on the operations of this particular branch of the government.

The paper money collectors were busy far into the night at the Rag-Pickers get-together after the dinner. This year another attraction was added, we had the opportunity to listen to an impromptu concert by some of the members around the piano just down the hall. They sounded pretty good, too.

President Ray Haymaker announced that the next annual convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held the third weekend of September at the Fredericksburg Sheraton Inn, on Route I-95, Fredericksburg, Virginia. He suggested that it would be a good idea to start planning now to attend next year's convention.

See the photos that show more of what went on at the 1977 Convention.



Grover Criswell presents "Outstanding Club" Publication to Don Roberts



George Miller presents "Outstanding Member" Award to Louis Douchet

# 1977 ANNUAL CONVENTION/







J. Vernon Epps receives "Best of Show Award" from Exhibit Char. Jim Beard



Ralph Hicks receives the "Charles J. Affleck" Award, his Second!!!

# / WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA









#### "DEDICATED TO ALL COIN WIDOWS"

(Submitted by Bill Fivaz, NLG, to THE COIN WHOLESALER which gave us permission to reprint it at the request of VNA member Larry Chavis)

## "Dedicated to All Coin Widows"

(Submitted by Bill Fivaz, NLG)

Here's a saying I'm sure you've heard, And probably stopped to think: "Water, water everywhere, But not a drop to drink."

Shipwrecked sailors shout for it As they drift upon the sea; It brings the saddest tears of all To the eyes of you and me.

But the saddest cry I've ever heard So full of woe and strife, Is the cry you hear when you lend an ear I think that I'd be better off To the Error Collector's Wife:

"Money, money everywhere. But not a cent to spend." I often sit and muse aloud Just when will this thing end?

Errors in the dresser drawer, And errors on the shelf: There's hardly even one thin dime To spend upon myself.

Off center cents and broadstruck dimes And double struck quarters too; Some of them old and worn. And some of them are new.

I even find them row on row In a pretty little book; I wish my husband cared as much About the vay I look!

The paycheck he brings home each week Means not a thing to me; 'Cause hubby, bless his little heart, Needs an error I can't even see!

As soon as he can find that coin. He'll be out seeking another; If I went home to Mother.

One day in desperation sheer, I took a half a dollar; He said it was a real scarce coin. You should have heard him holler!

So my advise to you single girls, If you want a happy life: Don't ever marry a Numismatist And be an Error Collector's Wife.

Shouting "Money, money everywhere, But not a cent to spend:" Don't ever let an Error "nut" Be more than just a friend.







## NOTES FROM THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The first midyear ANA Convention will be held February 15-19, 1978, at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This will be smaller and less formal than the main convention held in the summer. This will give collectors an opportunity to enjoy Colorado in the winter time.

ANACS certified its first piece of paper money in mid-October after being given authority by the ANA board of governors at the Atlanta convention. The first certificate was issued to ANA member Fred Schwan for a U.S. military

payment certificate.

A working model of a coin stamper, based on designs by Leonardo da Vinci in the 16th century, was unveiled at the ANA museum in October. The working model of the da Vinci coin stamper is nearly 10 feet tall. It was presented by the Roger Williams Mint of Providence, R.I., and will take its place in the museum with other examples of coining equipment.

In accordance with the provision of ANA bylaws, the vacancy on the board of governors caused by the resignation of Ken Hallenbeck has been filled by Charles J. "Chuck" O'Donnell, of Williamstown, N.J., who received the largest number of votes of the candidates who were not elected to the board in August.

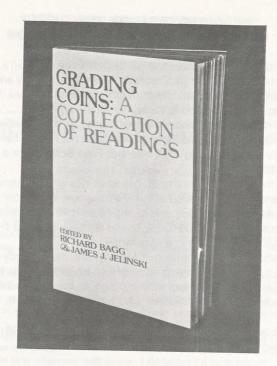
Finally, the new President of the ANA is our old friend and VNA member from Florida, Grover Criswell. Good luck, Grover!

#### **NEW MINT DIRECTOR CONFIRMED**

The U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Stella Hacket, of Vermont, as the 32nd Director of the United States Mint early in November. She was nominated on October 26th by President Carter. Mrs. Hacket, an attorney, will be the fourth woman to act as Mint Director.

Previous approval had been given to the nominations of W. Michael Blumenthal as Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Azie Taylor Morton as Treasurer of the United States, thus giving a new signature combination for Series 1977 United States currency.





#### **BOOK REVIEW**

GRADING COINS: A COLLECTION OF READINGS, edited by Richard Bagg and James J. Jelinski, Essex Publications, Portsmouth, N.H., 1977. The timely publication of this collection of articles on grading provides yet another reason why the forthcoming ANA grading book is a must. Bagg and Jelinski have done an excellent job of collecting and sorting out articles that show that grading is not a new problem.

Although the selected articles are only a small sampling of the available material on the grading controversy, they vividly portray the biggest problem in numismatics. The readings, which are a collection from 1892 to the present, point out as long as there are at least two parties involved in the process of coin grading there is likely to be a difference of opinion.

GRADING COINS: A COLLECTION OF READINGS should be read by every new collector. The importance of the book to the new collector is really a simple lesson of – new collector read about the hobby before you start buying. Why? The answer again is simple – coin collecting is big business. The importance of this collection of readings will soon be evident when the controversial grading book by Abe Kosoff appears in print. The Kosoff effort sponsored by the ANA will hopefully be the effort that will bring an end to the grading issue.



#### THE MONEY STORE

#### BUY-SELL-TRADE BUY-SELL-TRADE BUY-SELL-TRADE

One of the proposals for an added feature for THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST was to have a place where members could list items for sale or trade or ask for something they need for their collections. A small charge may be made later, but at first they will be free to members. Please send them to: The Editor, THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669, and mark them for The Money \$tore. The regular deadlines will apply.

WANTED – Virginia Nationals – Virginia Tokens – Virginia Obsoletes. Elvin B. Miller, P.O. Box 1133, Leesburg, VA 22075.

WANTED – Obsolete paper money of Virginia. Frank Hannah, 50 Fox Grove Drive, Hampton, VA 23664

WANTED – Virginia county notes. George Morehead, 7001 Otterdale Road, Moseley, Virginia 23120.

WANTED – Share or bond certificates from James River Canal, C&O Canal and Dismal Swamp Canal companies.

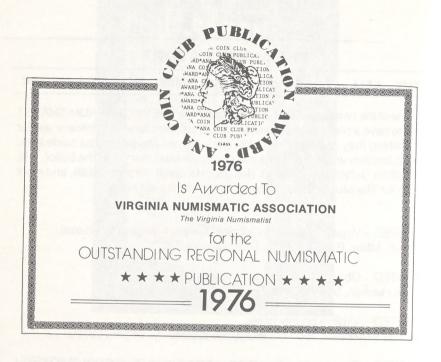
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#### TWO MINTS HAVE BOOKS AVAILABLE

Collectors of U.S. and British coins can secure the 1976 U.S. Mint Report and a History of the Royal Mint of England giving much data on both of them.

Orders for the 1976 Annual Report of the Director of the Mint are available for \$3.75. This 104th report also covers the Bicentennial year. Send your order for the Report, Document No. 3271, to Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Do not send cash, send a check or money order. This volume will be of help to anyone interested in the history and future of our nation's coinage.

The fascinating history of the development of coinage in Great Britain has been printed in the 1977 edition of The Royal Mint: An Outline History. Retailing for \$2.50, orders should be sent to British Royal Mint, 128 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, N.J. 07006. Do not send cash.



# THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST WINS THE 1976 REGIONAL PUBLICATION AWARD OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

We were delighted and gratified that THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST was the winner of the Regional Publication Award of The American Numismatic Association for the 1976.

The new President of the ANA, Grover Criswell, made the presentation of the award plaque at the Annual Dinner meeting on Saturday night at Williamsburg.

Receiving the award for the members of The Virginia Numismatic Association were Don Roberts, Editor, Frank Hannah, Publisher.

One of the big factors in making the decision of the judges was the special July 4th. Bicentennial Edition of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST. The idea for this special issue was proposed to the Board of Directors by Frank Hannah, and it was the result of the contributions of many individuals.

Club publications from all over the United States and Canada were submitted for consideration for this award. Some of them are from much larger clubs and have considerably higher budgets than THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST.

#### **CALLING ALL RAG-PICKERS**

By Dennis Fritts

The ever increasing popularity of collecting paper money is a pleasant surprise to both new and older collectors. Paper money shows are being conducted everywhere, and there are increasing amounts of paper money found at regular coin shows.

The recent election of Grover Criswell as President of the ANA should also add to the growing popularity of paper collecting. Criswell has always been known for his association with paper money. As founder of the "BANKNOTE REPORTER" and his books on Confederate money, he has done as much for the Rag-Pickers as anyone.

One of the biggest attractions as far as young collectors are concerned is postal cancellations. The emergence of cancelled bills as collectors items is solely based on the Postal Service allowing the cancellation of the 1976 Jefferson \$2 bill, and the later decision to allow additional cancellations.

Although the Postal Service sent out its directive over a year ago allowing additional cancellations, collectors still occasionally find a reluctant postal employee. Normally, it doesn't take much to convince the employee to cancel the bill.

The beauty of collecting cancelled bills is the expense. The minimum cost is \$1.13, well within the reach of most young collectors. An exciting aspect about cancellations is the unlimited varieties of collections available. To find out about the different varieties available read **Those Incredible B2FDC-B2JC4s!,** by Andrew J. Vero. Mr. Vero, who prefers to be called "B2FDC", has also established a clearing house for collectors of cancellations.

Vero's book is a must for cancellation collectors. The book is available from most coin shops or by sending \$4.95 to B2FDC, 2 Carvel Road, Pendennis Mount, Annapolis, Md. 21401. One must remember that Vero's book was designed basically for collectors of Bicentennial \$2 First Day Cancellations, but fits the basic requirement for all cancellation collectors.

With the new signatures that will soon be appearing on our paper currency (Treasurer and Secretary of the Treasury), the popularity of cancellations is sure to increase. Young collectors should be encouraged to foster some of their efforts into this new collecting dimension.

Of course the sudden rise of collecting paper money has forced the price on most items up, and the trend is expected to keep going up. One collectors item that has risen faster than most is the Broken Bank note (or Obsolete Bank note). Collectors are finding it more and more difficult to locate quality notes at reasonable prices.

For the new Rag-Picker a subscription to the "BANK NOTE REPORTER" is a must. This monthly paper deals exclusively with paper money. A one year subscription can be obtained for \$5.00 by writing P.O. Box 9, Camden, S.C. 29020.

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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



As I am writing this letter, we are in the midst of our fourth snow in the past week. We have had a total of almost twenty inches, and have about sixteen inches still on the ground.

Dell and I were guests of the Rockingham Coin Club at their annual Christmas Banquet and we would like to thank Henry Hawkins and the other officers for a wonderful time. They must have the answers to a lot of questions and problems facing our clubs today. Last year they had an average attendance of twenty seven, with one third of that number Junior members.

I have asked our first V.P. Louis Doucet, to head up our Membership Committee and also to be our coordinator with Mrs. Jackson O. Lamb, Staff Director of the Committee on Historic Preservation and Coinage, concerning the issuing of commemorative coins.

Mrs. John W. (Caroline) Gearhart of 147 Algonquin Road, Hampton, Va. 23661 has agreed to be chairman of National Coin Week in Virginia. I am sure she can count on support from all of our member clubs and members. I am sure you will be hearing from her.

Don't forget, our next Board meeting will be held in Fredericksburg, Va. at the Community Center, February 11 at 1:00 p.m. Ralph Hicks, Jr. will make arrangements for a room.

See you February 11th at Fredericksburg.

Raymond G. Haymaker

#### **ABOUT THE COVER**

Mossy Creek, Virginia??? Anyone know where Mossy Creek, Virginia is? It is in Augusta County but is it still in existance?

This unlisted specimen turned up in a group of other scrip notes recently and just goes to show you that there are always new ones that seem to turn up.

#### "... The old order changeth yielding place to new --."

by Mr. Lawrence K. Chavis Petersburg, Virginia

With a new Administration in Washington comes a new Series of Currency

Treasurer of the United States

Secretary of the Treasury



Azie Taylor Morton Treasurer of the United States National Director, U.S. Savings Bonds Division



W. Michael Blumenthal Secretary of the Treasury



What are the educational, professional backgrounds and experiences these two distinguished individuals bring to their new positions? Following are brief biographical noes of each.

#### AZIE TAYLOR MORTON

"Mrs. Morton was born February 1, 1936 in Dale, Texas. In 1956 she graduated cum laude from Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, followed by work as a high school instructor, as assistant to the President, Huston-Tillotson College and as administrative assistant to the Texas State AFL-CIO.

In 1961 Mrs. Morton came to Washington, D.C. where she worked on President Kennedy's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity (1961-63) and the President's Committee on

Equal Opportunity in Housing (1963-66). In 1966-68 she was with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Austin, Texas as an investigator and conciliator and from 1968-71 she was Director of Social Services, Model Cities Program, Wichita, Kansas.

From 1971 to 1976, Mrs. Morton was Special Assistant to the Chairman, Democratic National Committee. She was Vice Chairperson and Deputy Conference Manager of the 1974 Democratic Conference on Party Organization and Policy and was Deputy Convention Manager of the 1976 Democratic National Convention in New York City. Earlier this year, she also worked for several months with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mrs. Morton is married to James H. Morton and is the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Virgin (Morton) Clark and Stacey Dey. She has a two-year old granddaughter, Michelle Clark. Mrs. Morton is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and is listed in the current editions of Who's Who Among Women Internationally, Who's Who Among Black Americans, Who's Who in American Politics, and Who's Who in America, 48th edition."

Mrs. Morton has been sworn in as the 36th Treasurer of the United States and the 11th National Director of the U.S. Savings Bonds Division. She is the second person to hold both posts.

#### W. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL

"W. Michael Blumenthal was sworn in on January 23, 1977 as the 64th Secretary of the Treasury. President Carter nominated Mr. Blumenthal on December 14, 1976, when he was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Bendix Corporation.

Mr. Blumenthal joined Bendix, a worldwide manufacturer serving the automotive, aerospace-electronics, industrial-energy and shelter markets, in 1967. Five years later, he was elected Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

As Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Blumenthal is the nation's chief financial officer. He also administers the work of more than 125,000 employees of the Department of the Treasury, which collects the nation's taxes, pays its bills, prints and issues currency and coins, manages the nation's accounts and debts and has extensive law enforcement responsibilities.

Prior to joining The Bendix Corporation, Mr. Blumenthal served as the President's Deputy Special Representative for Trade Negotiations with the rank of Ambassador from 1963 to 1967. In this capacity he served as Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the Kennedy Round of Trade Negotiations. Mr. Blumenthal first served in the government from 1961 to 1963 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs. During that time he was

Chairman of the United States Delegation which negotiated the Long-Term Cotton Textile Agreement, Chairman of the United States Delegation which negotiated the International Coffee Agreement, and served as United States Representative to the United Nations Commission in International Commodity Trade.

From 1957 to 1961, Mr. Blumenthal was a Vice President and Director of the Crown Cork International Corporation.

Secretary Blumenthal was born in Oranienburg, Germany on January 3, 1926 and spent his childhood years in Germany and China, moving to the United States in 1947 at the age of 21. He was graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California at Berkeley in 1951 with a B.S. degree in international economics. He later attended Princeton University where he received three degrees: a M.P.A. in Public Affairs, a M.A. in Economics, and a Ph.D. in Economics. From 1954 to 1957, the Secretary taught economis at Princeton University.

He has served as a member of numerous boards and commissions. During 1975 and 1976 Mr. Blumenthal was Chairman of the Michigan Economic Action Council, a study group created to find solutions to the state's economic problems. He has served as Director of the Economic Club of Detroit, The Atlantic Council of the United States, the Council on Foreign Relations and the National Council for United States-China Trade. He is a trustee of Princeton University."

To have the signatures of individuals of their stature appearing on our currency is gratifying and reassuring. Too, paper money collectors will have a new series of United States Federal Reserve Notes to add to their evergrowing collection.

#### **APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

The following individuals have applied for membership in The Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse action is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors.

Applicant	
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Charles V. Kemp, Jr., Wyandotte, Michigan Herman Harlow, Marshall, Virginia Robert E. Kenney, Aiken, S.C. Claud Murphy, Decatur, Georgia Don Roberts George Miller Richard Jones Richard Jones

#### **CALENDAR OF COIN SHOWS**

CLUB	LOCATION	DATE
Fredericksburg Coin Club	Community Center Charles & Canal Sts. Fredericksburg	Feb. 11-12
American Numismatic Assn. Midyear Convention	The Broadmoor Colorado Springs, Col.	Feb. 15-19
Tidewater Coin Club	Mariner Resort Inn Virginia Beach	Mar. 18-19
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Hotel U.S. 11 North Staunton	Mar. 18-19
Salem Coin Club	Tanglewood Mall Shopping Center	Apr. 15-16
Maryland State Numismatic Association	Baltimore Hilton Inn Reisterstown Rd. and Baltimore Beltway, Md.	Apr. 15-16
Southside Virginia Numismatic Association	Ramada Inn, Petersburg Exit 3 – I-95	May 7
National Paper Money Show	Holiday Inn – Rivermont Memphis, Tenn.	June 2-4
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	SHERATON INN FREDERICKSBURG	SEPT. 15-17
Rockingham Coin Club	Sheraton Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 23-24

#### **DUES ARE DUE**

Please send dues to:

Richard Jones P.O. Box 1981 Roanoke, Virginia 24009

#### **NEWS OF OUR CLUBS**

#### FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

Preparations are well under way for the 8th Annual Coin Show to be held in the Fredericksburg Community Center, Charles and Canal Streets, on February 11 and 12. In addition to the bourse, there will be displays, a special auction and drawings for prizes. Visitors will be made welcome.

New Club officers to be installed in January are: President - Danny Fines; Vice-Pres. - John Tinney; Secretary - Charlotte Tinney; Treasurer - John Weinhardt, Jr., and Vice-Pres. - Chris Jones.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Admission will be free to the 22nd COIN-A-RAMA at the Mariner Resort Inn at Virginia Beach on March 18 and 19. Features will be many dealers, exhibits, door prizes and an auction by Frank and Laurese Katen.

The Annual Banquet will be on Friday the 17th of March at the Mariner Resort Inn. on the Ocean front at Virginia Beach.

Programs at the year's end were: a presentation on "America's First Medals", by James E. Morris and the Christmas party at the Lake Wright Motel in December

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

The General Wayne Hotel in Waynesboro was the scene of the annual Christmas Banquet for the Club, followed by a program and the drawing for gifts.

New officers for the coming year are: President - Sam Gilmore; Vice-Pres. - Ike Parr; Corresponding Sec. - Wayne Dove; Recording Sec. - Lucille McClung and Treasurer - Carter Sinclair.

The Club's 14th Annual Coin & Stamp Show will be held at the Ingleside Hotel, U.S. 11 North, Staunton, on March 18 and 19. Bourse Chairman is Ivan Lam, Ridgecrest Apt. C-210, Verona, VA 24482.

#### ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDEWATER

Year end programs for the Norfolk based Club consisted of a slide program on Israel 5 and 10 pound Commemorative Coins, and the annual Chanukah party in December.

The slate of officers presented for next year includes: President - Dr. Leonard Kaplan; Vice-Pres. - Max Japha; Secretary - Anne Winter; Treasurer - Dr. Kurt Hirsch, and for the Board of Directors - Milton Becker, Norman Berlin, Aaron Behrman, Ted Maroulis, Helen Nesson, Morton Ronick and Dr. Stan Teitelman.

#### MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The 1978 Convention and Show of the Maryland State Numismatic Association will be held on the 15 and 16th of April at the Baltimore Hilton Inn, Reisterstown Road and the Baltimore Beltway. Host Club for the Convention will be the Maryland Numismatic Society; General Chairman - Phil Greenslet, Breakfast Chairman - Henry Westphal. The Auction will be conducted by Frank and Laurese Katen. For tables, write the Bourse Chairman - William Lenz, P.O. Box 6533, Sparrows Point, Maryland 21219.

Club members Armand Shank and John B. Henry are working together to produce a book on paper money issued in the State of Maryland.

#### MEHERRIN VALLEY COIN CLUB

Club members thoroughly enjoyed the dinner served at Tommie's Restaurant in Boykins on December 7th., as well as the program presented by VNA Past-President James Johnson. It is always a pleasure to meet with this fine group across the James.

#### ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

The Rockingham Coin Club held its annual Christmas Banquet on Dec. 12th at Lloyd's Steak House in Harrisonburg. 54 members and guests enjoyed a superb meal, words of wisdom from VNA President Ray Haymaker, and singing by Eastern Mennonite College Professor Lawrence Ressler and his wife.

Ray Haymaker installed the new officers for the coming year: President - Henry Hawkins; Vice-Pres. - James Pettington; Secretary - Laretta Hawkins; Treasurer - Philip Sharpe.

The Annual Coin Show will be held at the Sheraton Inn, Harrisonburg, VA., September 23 and 24, 1978. Information concerning the Show is available from Philip Sharpe, 208 Governors Lane, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801.

### SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

In addition to the continuing activities of the Club, preparations are underway for the Annual Coin and Stamp Show to be held at The Ramada Inn, Petersburg, on Sunday, May 7, 1978. Show Chairman is: Gerald Perry, 1105 Terrace Avenue, Hopewell, VA 23860, telephone 804-541-0749. Take Exit 3 from I-95 at Petersburg to get to the Ramada Inn.

The election of officers and plans for the new year will be announced soon, as well as preparations for National Coin Week in Virginia.

The picture of Past President Larry Chavis was shown in newspapers when he received some of the first of the new 1977 series of Federal Reserve Notes distributed by the local banks.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Preparations are being made for the Annual Banquet and installation of officers at the February meeting.

Programs for the regular meetings were a presentation on the coins and currency of Panama, along with some of the history of Panama, the Panama Railroad and the Panama Canal, by Bob Coltrane and Don Roberts, and a donated auction with John Gerhart as the auctioneer.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

The Salem Coin Club's Annual Coin Show will be held at the Tanglewood Mall, Rts. 419 and 220, on April 15 and 16, 1978. The Bourse Chairman is Larry Booth, P.O. Box 1991, Roanoke, VA 24009, phone 713-344-7711. Visitors are always made welcome - come see the Valley in the Springtime!

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

This year the Washington Numismatic Society celebrated its 50th Anniversary being Washington's first club, founded in 1927. A special medal was struck for this celebration, and some of them are still available from the club: in gold, at \$217.00, gold plated, at \$5.00, and bronze, at \$3.00, from Washington Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 6266, Washington, D.C. 20015.

An informative program on the subject of Grading Coins, featuring Nelson Whitman and Walt Masch was enjoyed by all present.

Officers for the new year are: President - Mrs. Mae L. Clarke; Vice-Pres. - Rudi Saenger; 2nd Vice-P:es. - Raphael Shnirman; Sec.-Treas. - Eldridge Jones; Sgt-at-Arms - Ozrow E. Baker; Board of Governors: Mrs. Genie Baxter, Norman Brand, William M. Morris, Bernard Schultheis, Wayne Wilcox and Karl E. Hoke

#### KENT COIN CLUB

Our Eastern Shore Club has many projects underway at year end, as reported to the members at the annual dinner meeting.

Officers for the new year are: President - Thomas Mercer; 1st Vice-Pres. - John Roth; 2nd Vice-Pres. - Doug Moore; Treasurer - Ed Littlejohn; and Board Members - Keith Lawver, Andy Foss, Ray Gesualdo and Steve Cockburn.

#### Editor's Note:

If your Club news is not in this issue, it is because we did not hear anything from you in the last two months. Please ask your secretary to send us the information as to your meetings, projects and proposed Shows, so it can be shared with the other member Clubs.

## **GLEANINGS**

#### INDIANS PAY ONE-BUCK TAX

Richmond (UPI) — About 40 Pamunkey Indians have presented Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. with the annual tribal tax on their 800-acre King William County Reservation.

At Tuesday's ceremony, the tribe presented Godwin with a 125-pound, seven-point buck. Chief William Tecumseh Cook and tribal councilman Morton Toddit of Langston laid the deer at Godwin's feet in front of the Capitol.

Cook, 78, then performed a ritual dance but Godwin declined the chief's invitation to join him.

The traditional Pamunkey tax, which started in 1677, can be a rabbit, a squirrel or just about any kind of game or produce, said Cook, who was first elected 37 years ago. But he said his reservation is teeming with deer.

Godwin also was presented with a pottery bowl, which depicted in sign language the story of Pocohontas and Capt. John Smith.

#### 'MOST GHOST' HONORS GO TO FORT MONROE

Washington (AP) — The Air Force may have pooh-poohed UFOs but another government agency seems less skeptical as to encounters of the ghost kind.

The U.S. Travel Service has put out a guide called "The Supernatural – Haunted Houses and Legendary Ghosts" listing 21 ghosts in eight states.

Virginia and Louisiana lead the haunt parade with 10 sites each.

Virginia ghosts cited in the guide include:

- At Shirley Plantation in Charles City County, the portrait of "Aunt Pratt" makes ghostly noises when hung wrong.
- "Most ghosts" award might belong to Fort Monroe, Hampton, which houses at least 10 spirits in private residences and military casements.
- Gen. Robert E. Lee's boyhood home in Alexandria reportedly is haunted by a little boy "who many agree is the ghost of Robert E. Lee himself," the agency says.
- Col. Fielding Lewis, a Revolutionary War patriot, is said to haunt Kenmore, a home of Georgian design at Fredericksburg.

In Washington, Decatur House "is haunted by the spirit of its first owner, Stephen Decatur, a naval hero who died in a tragic duel."

In Baltimore, aboard the USS Constellation "lurks the ghost of a sailor who died in 1799 and returns to clear his name of charges of cowardice," the agency says.

Unfortunately for ghost fans, most sites close by 5 p.m. — long before prime time for spirit-viewing starts.

# MONITOR STAFF PICKS NORFOLK

#### By David Ennis and Thad Madden Time-Herald Staff Writers

Norfolk has been chosen as the base of operations for efforts to "bring the warship Monitor home to Hampton Roads," according to a Norfolk spokesman.

But Hampton is still offering Fort Wool as a possible site for the ship, if it is recovered from the floor of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Monitor Research and Recovery Foundation, now based in Beaufort, N.C., announced today it will move its offices to Norfolk in February, the spokesman said.

Last week, Hampton officials entered the competition with Norfolk and Wilmington, N.C. to host recovery operations for the famous Civil War ironclad, which sank off Cape Hatteras.

Although Norfolk won the contest, Hampton officials still believe the project will become a regional one, benefiting all Hampton Roads cities.

"Obviously we're disappointed," said Thomas Miller, Hampton assistant city manager for community development. "But we'll still support the foundation efforts as much as we can. Just because the project is in Norfolk doesn't mean it's not a worthy project."

Miller said Norfolk's mayor and foundation officials have emphasized the need for regional cooperation.

Fort Wool, a manmade island fort at the entrance to Hampton Roads harbor, was suggested as an appropriate "middle ground" where the foundation could operate, and where the ship could be displayed if it is successfully raised.

The city will continue to offer the fort as a display location, he said.

John Newton, director of the foundation, has said the Monitor belongs to the American people, because it is in a national marine sanctuary. If it is raised, he said, Congress will probably decide where it should be displayed.

Officials in Hampton and Norfolk have emphasized the strong historical ties each city has with the ship. The Monitor's 1862 battle with the Confederate ironclad Merrimac — the first battle of metal warships — took place in Hampton Roads.

The Norfolk spokesman said the foundation will move into offices in the old Royster Building on Granby Street.

According to the foundation's announcement, Norfolk was chosen for its transportation and communication facilities and for the city's pledges of fundraising support.

## IT'S NOT A GENERATION GAP, IT'S A COMMUNICATION GAP

Two happenings in the last few weeks have brought again to our attention the fact that there is a communication gap between collectors in Virginia and The Virginia Numismatic Association, a matter we have been striving to overcome for years.

As we have said many times before and will say in the future, one of the main functions of The Virginia Numismatic Association is to assist collectors and coin clubs in Virginia (and elsewhere, if we can). But first, they have to let us know that a specific need exists, and we have to receive this information from them.

The first was a letter printed in one of the numismatic newspapers from a gentleman in the western part of our state. He was writing to express his concern at the problem of getting better attendance at local club meetings. In part, his letter went on to sav:

"When we write to the ANA or our state organizations about providing us with films or slides, they are never available because the small clubs don't complain loudly enough. One area club has been trying for over 18 months to get a movie or a set of slides to show at a meeting. I suggest that organizations such as these put a little more emphasis on things to help the coin collecting hobby and less on their national conventions which the average collector never attends. After all, these organizations were designed to help the collector and to spread information in the numismatic fields. These organizations are helping cause many coin clubs to fold up. I think now is the time for everybody, the ANA, state organizations and the local clubs to work together. If anyone has anything which could be used to help, or ideas that have been useful, I would like to hear from them."

After reading the letter, we first checked to see if the writer were a member of VNA: his name is not on our current mailing list. Then we further checked to see if there were a member club or individual members in his town: there is a VNA member club there, as well as several individual members. The club gets two copies and the members one copy of every issue of The Virginia Numismatist, as well as all of the special mailings (for coin week, the annual convention, etc.).

Then we wrote him a letter, advising him of these facts, telling him of some of the services offered by the VNA, and asking him to let us have more specific information as to the nature of the problem, the name of the club he was referring to, and how we could help them to improve attendance and provide them with program aids. To date we have received no reply.

The second was a note from a member of one of our member clubs in another part of the state, who was very upset because we did not list their club's upcoming coin show in the Calendar of Coin Shows, as he had requested us to do in a previous letter.

We wrote him immediately advising that we had not received his first letter and that his club's show date would be listed in the next issue.

In addition, we asked him to be sure to write us in the future if this should occur again, since we have no control over the U.S. Mule - sometimes the mule doesn't make it this far. This should apply to anything sent to us that needs a reply or some action, we may not have received your request.

Another item that should be recalled in connection with items for publication in The Virginia Numismatist is that there are deadlines for material to be in our hands to be published in each issue. Material received after that time will have to be included in the next issue. These dates are shown, please read them.

Perhaps we should take this time to go over some of the services that VNA can and does provide for its member clubs:

We have had 6 slide programs to be used by clubs when they ask for them (one of them seems to have been lost by the wayside in one of its trips out, we can't find that it came back). When a request is received here (P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669), requesting a specific slide program, we find it and mail it out to the club, postage paid and insured at our expense. The club has to mail it back in the same manner, at its expense. These programs cover various areas of collecting, include the slides, a written commentary, and most of them have in addition a professionally taped commentary. The club has to have a slide projector and a tape player, or read the written commentary.

President Haymaker has appointed a committee to select and produce such new slide programs as they deem advisable and appropriate for use by our clubs.

We do not any motion pictures available from VNA. There are some that are available from the ANA, various government and private agencies, and firms that rent or sell them.

There are a number of VNA member who are qualified and willing to go to other clubs and put on a program for them, but these have to be arranged for in advance, on a mutually agreeable basis. Due to the geography of our state, this sometimes can call for a lot of driving on the part of the speaker. They will usually bring display material with them to illustrate their program.

For many years, a regular feature of our annual convention has been a Club Breakfast on Sunday morning. After the meal, those attending spend some time in discussing problems and successes of their clubs, and share possible new program ideas and solutions to the problems.

It has been and continues to be our wish to have the annual convention in all areas of the state, but the problem remains that there are only so many places that have a large enough facility to accommodate the bourse and display area and the banquet, as well as the number of rooms for thos staying over the whole weekend. Many trips have been made to look over prospective meeting places, but very few of them meet the requirements.

Some of the problems of the local clubs are very close to those of the state organizations. First of all, the work is done by volunteers, mostly at their own expense (for instance, the work on The Virginia Numismatist is mostly done between midnight and morning).

Second, in many instances there is a loss of continuity between the officers in the same positions from year to year when new persons take over. The old

ones are glad to relax and enjoy the meetings, and the new ones are not fully made aware of the procedures and requirements of the office by the people they replace.

Third, many potential workers and officers are afraid that they might not do too good a job, and are afraid to offer for or accept a club office for which they would be fitted

Fourth, for one reason or another, many program resources that are available to the club are not utilized.

Fifth, the reservoir of talent and experience of the past officers is not put to use as much as it could be.

The answers to these and many others will vary from club to club and from time to time. Here are some that have been suggested and tried with more or less success in other clubs that we know of:

- 1. Rent a post office box for the club, so that all club mail will come to one place, even when all of the officers are replaced at one time. The cost is low for the benefit received.
- 2. When new officers are elected, have an orientation session at the board of directors meeting with all of the old and new officers present; go over the requirements and duties of each office; change bank signatures; have bank account balanced; find out what state, regional and national organizations the club belongs to, see that the dues are paid and find out what publications and services they furnish; see that the secretary has the membership and mailing list, knows where the bank account is located (or the treasurer if you have one in your club), and to whom the club regularly mails notices and reports; advise the new president and vice-president of their duties; suggest and work on proposed programs for coming meetings, and such other matters as may be pertinent. Mail notices of all regular meetings to your members.

3. Many clubs have found that it is a very helpful procedure to include as members of the board of directors the past presidents of the club that are still active in it. Have monthly board meetings to plan club operations.

4. Try to use both old officers and newer members on all of your committees, to get the benefit of the experience of one and the new ideas of the other.

- 5. Become involved with the organizations in your community: library, schools, clubs, churches, banks, Boy and Girl Scouts, civic clubs, literary clubs, etc.
  - 6. Have an adequate meeting place for your monthly meetings.

7. Get to know and work with your local newspaper, radio and television stations - know how and when to get publicity for your club.

- 8. Encourage new and young collectors to become members, and have programs and services for them, as well as for the ones that have been collectors for years.
- 9. Try different programs at times: other hobbies, what's your coin game, an auction, show and tell, visit other organizations. Use your own members and try to get people from outside to present programs. Visit other coin clubs and shows.
  - 10. Keep up with the literature of numismatics: read The Virginia Numis-

matist, The ANA Numismatist, publications from other collector organizations, Coin World, Numismatic News, coin magazines, coin books, other coin and stamp publications.

11. Observe National Coin Week in Virginia with displays, talks and other

activities. This is usually the third week in April.

12. Be sure that your club belongs to The Virginia Numismatic Association, reads and sends your club's reports in to The Virginia Numismatist, come to the annual convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association and attend the Club breakfast, as well as all of the other activities, and meet your friends. Be sure that your club belongs to the American Numismatic Association, read the Numismatist, get and read their club bulletin, send for the list of program aids they have available.

13. Finally, remember that you are working with people, volunteers at that. Try to keep things going so you will all have a better and more enjoyable club, and ask us for help if you need it. We do not know you want help if you do not

ask us for it.

As a final note, it would help VNA if all of the Clubs in the state would send us reports of their meetings and activities.

Some of the clubs report every month, some about every quarter, some once a year and some hardly ever.

One of the reasons for this is evident in this issue's listing of coming coin shows - in both March and April there are two shows on the same weekend, which to say the least, is not desirable. Good Luck! Have Fun!

#### **VNA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

VNA is still offering its educational programs consisting of beautiful color slides and accompanying taped narrative for use by its member clubs. There is no charge for the use of these programs. They will be shipped to the club with postage and insurance paid, the club only has to pay the return postage and insurance. Please order as far in advance as possible. Mail requests to: The Virginia Numismatic Association, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669.

The following programs are available:

- 1. Coins of Bible Days
- 2. Die Varieties of the Early United States Quarters No. 1
- 3. Die Varieties of the Early United States Quarters No. 2
- 4. Hard Times Tokens
- 5. Highlights of the Early United States Half Dollar
- 6. The Story of Money in Virginia

These are professionally produced and narrated 35mm color slides with the standard audio tape on reels. They are not available on tape cassettes, but they do have a written narrative that can be read when the slides are shown. Programs may be used for showing to church groups, youth organizations and other worthy and interested clubs. We request that they be returned as soon as possible after using them.

President Ray Haymaker has appointed a committee to check into the possibility of making new programs on other subjects when conditions permit.

#### THE INTER-LIBRARY LOAN PROGRAM

Your local public library is not limited only to the books that it owns. You may borrow, through your library, books and materials from across the nation and throughout the world using a co-operative procedure known as the Interlibrary Loan.

Use of this service requires that certain conditions must be met and that the materials involved be handled in accordance with the regulations and restrictions stipulated by the loaning institution. Certain types of materials are not available through inter-library loan, i.e., current fiction, inexpensive in print material for which there is likely to be a recurring demand, current periodicals, extremely rare books, music to be used in public performance, and difficult to pack and handle items such as newspapers.

Within these restrictions, you may request books not owned by your local library and they will attempt to locate and borrow the materials for you. It is helpful for you to give the librarian as much information as possible about the materials you are requesting. For books, you should supply the author's full name, the exact title, the edition when a particular one is desired, the place and date of publication and name of publisher, the volume number if part of a set, and if part of a series, the series title and serial number.

For periodicals, the title, volume number, date, author and title of the required article, and pages on which the article is to be found are the required information. In general, the only charge involved in the Inter-library Loan procedure is shipping or mailing cost to return the materials borrowed.

In most cases, the borrowed material is loaned to you for a two-week period, and renewals are not encouraged. Fines for overdue inter-library loan materials are generally higher than those for overdue system-owned books and, as inter-library loan is a co-operative voluntary system, we encourage you to use but not abuse the privilege.

That's about it. Come in and see what your library can do for you. The resources of the world are waiting!

By: Donna J. McColman Charles Taylor Library
Adult Services Librarian Hampton, Virginia

## BOOK REVIEW The Royal Mint – An Outline History

The Royal Mint has a long and distinguished history. For over 1,000 years it has been responsible for producing coin of the realm.

It was established in London during the 7th century and between 1300 and 1811 it was housed between the inner and outer walls of the Tower of London. Pressure on space led to the building of a new Mint on Little Tower Hill. The first coins were struck there in 1810.

Over the next century and a half the coinage demands greatly increased, to over 1000 million by the 1960's, leading to the building of a new modern mint in South Wales.

Anyone interested in the coinage of Britain will be interested in this new publication, available from The British Royal Mint, 128 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, New Jersey 07006, for \$2.50.

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#### THE MONEY STORE

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One of the proposals for an added feature for THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST was to have a place where members could list items for sale or trade or ask for something they need for their collections. A small charge may be made later, but at first they will be free to members. Please send them to: The Editor, THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669, and mark them for The Money \$tore. The regular deadlines will apply.

WANTED – Virginia scrip, particularly Virginia Toll Road Scrip. Charles E. Echols, P.O. Box 7586, Charlottesville, VA 22906

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Robert W. Ross III, P.O. Box 765, Wilmington, DEL 19899

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WANTED – Obsolete paper money of Virginia. Frank Hannah, 50 Fox Grove Drive, Hampton, VA 23664

WANTED – Virginia county notes. George Morehead, 7001 Otterdale Road, Moseley, Virginia 23120.

WANTED – Share or bond certificates from James River Canal, C&O Canal and Dismal Swamp Canal companies.

Don Roberts, P.O. Box 162, Hampton, VA 23669

#### LET'S ALL ASK FOR COMMEMORATIVES

With the start of the new Congress, now is the time to make your voice heard in the effort to get new commemorative coins from the Treasury.

Ever since the 50's, collectors have been trying to get new meaningful silver commemorative coins from the United States Mint, without success.

Whenever the request was made, Treasury officials brought up the point that there were abuses in the issuance of former commemoratives, and that

the mint was too busy to fool with them, as well as the fact that they would confuse people when they saw unfamiliar coins.

All of these have been refuted time and again by collectors: we request that they be issued by the Mint in the same manner as the proof and mint sets have been issued for years; it is silly to say that the mint is too busy when they are making coins for foreign governments and laying off employees, and people all over the world in other countries have no problem in spending or collecting commemorative coins.

The Treasury Department (which is to say the United States government) in the past years has made millions of dollars from coins and sets purchased by collectors. That may not seem very much to those making up the budget in Washington, but it seems a lot to those of us that pay the taxes and would buy the coins. With the budget deficit as big as it is, anything would help.

With the suggestion that the half dollar coin be done away with before the congressional committees, we respectfully submit that the half be used to issue significant silver commemoratives, starting with one each year in honor of one of the 50 states, with the dollar being used for the dual role of commemorative and fund raiser for the Olympics, the 200th anniversary of the surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, in 1981, and other historical and national events. Further, we suggest that they should be issued by the mint in the same manner it has been issuing proof coins and mint sets, that the coins be in silver and sold for a reasonable price.

In view of the past record of the Mint in this matter, it will not be an easy job. We suggest that you write to the congressional coinage committees, your U.S. Senators and Congressman, to the American Numismatic Association, to the various coin publications, and to other interested persons.

We see no viable reasons why our government could not issue attractive, artistic, meaningful silver commemoratives at a reasonable price, without any confusion at all except to some of the hide-bound treasury officials who have been fighting this too long.

#### **VA-TAMS TO LIST VIRGINIA MERCHANT TOKENS**

With the help of our VA-TAMS members and the members of VNA, we are going to try to list all known Virginia merchant tokens. This project will take two to three years, maybe longer. We will list the tokens in alphabetical order, by towns/cities in Virginia.

A little history of Virginia merchant tokens may be in order. These tokens were used by store owners between the late 1800's through 1958. Most have the store name or the owner, the address (town and state). If the town and state does not appear on the token, then the token is known as a maverick. If the town is known, it will be listed with the name in parentheses. Sometimes, on the obverse, there will be the denomination of the token. Most of the time,

the denomination appears on the reverse. Some examples are: "GOOD FOR 25¢ IN TRADE," "GOOD FOR 5¢ IN MERCHANDISE," or sometimes just "50¢."

Most merchant tokens are made of aluminum, brass, bronze, cardboard, plastic, or white metal. On rare occasions, there is a combination of aluminum and brass, better known as BI-METAL. Most are round. There are also odd shapes such as square, octagonal (8 sides), hexagonal (6 sides) and scalloped.

Merchant tokens were used by the store owners because of the lack of U.S. coins and paper money. Also, they were used to get the customers to come back to the same merchant. In some cases, tokens were the only media of exchange.

Who used merchant tokens: Country stores, shoe shops, pool halls, military bases, coal and lumber companies, plus many others. The only tokens we will be listing now are the ones used by merchants. Coal and lumber tokens will be listed later.

We will list the merchants tokens as in the two examples below:

- "CODHENOUR BROTHERS, MONTEVIDEO, VA. rev: "Good For \$1.00 In Trade." Aluminum, round, 35mm."
- "LINCOLN POOL PARLOR, PORTSMOUTH, VA. rev: "Good for 1/2 In Merchandise." Brass, round, 21mm."

If anyone has one token or one hundred tokens they would like listed, send this information PAGE MANN, 484 Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

## NOTES FROM THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Numismatists who want to improve their knowledge of their collections, or of what they may be thinking of collecting, will find two important new books ready for them early in the new year. Although being produced independently, the Official ANA Grading Standard for United States Coins and the new ANA Library Catalog are coming off the presses almost simultaneously. Both books have been a long time in preparation in the attempt to make them as error-free and useful as possible.

The grading book is the result of a gooperative effort of the ANA and the Whitman Coin Products division of the Western Publishing Company. It will be distributed through coin dealers, hobby stores and book shops at the retail price of \$5.95.

The ANA library catalog soon being issued will be useful to any collector or researcher, being divided into five classes: Coins and Coin Collecting, Exonumia (tokens, medals, orders and decorations, odd and curious), Paper Money and Banking, Periodicals and Auction Catalogs. Prices are \$4.95 for the first copy to an ANA member, and \$25.00 for each additional copy or for a copy to a nonmember.

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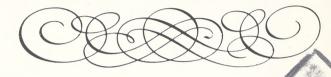
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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE



I would like to report a very good attendance at our last Board meeting, held in Fredericksburg, Va. on Feb. 11. We had a chance to attend the very nice Fredericksburg Coin Show, which we all enjoyed very much. We also took a tour of the Fredericksburg-Sheraton, the location of our 1978 Convention and Show. The facilities at the Sheraton are more than adequate, and we are looking forward to a great Show and Convention. Many thanks to Ralph Hicke, Jr. for making arrangements.

Frank Hannah showed us the first run copies

of "Virginia's 1861-1865 Treasury & Scrip Notes. This booklet is the first of a series to come out of the Publications Committee. The booklet was written by Dr. Douglas B. Ball, and published by Frank Hannah. Dr. Ball is to be congratulated on this booklet. Also, the layout and printing is fabulous, thanks to Frank Hannah.

I am sorry to have to report that our Sec. Richard Jones had to have back surgery, but am happy to report that he is now back home convalescing. Richard will be off from work for several months, and I know he would like to hear from each of us.

Plans for our Show and Convention are moving along, and with space for fifty or so exhibits, I know Jim Beard would like to hear from you exhibitors.

Let me remind you that Don Roberts would like an article from each of our members, on his or her collecting specialty, or any other topic of numismatic interest.

Sincerely,

Ray Haymaker

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# CALENDAR OF COIN SHOWS

CLUB	LOCATION	DATE
Tidewater Coin Club	Mariner Resort Inn Virginia Beach	Mar. 18-19
Shenandoah Valley Coin Club	Ingleside Hotel U.S. 11 North, Staunton	Mar. 18-19
Salem Coin Club	Tanglewood Mall Shopping Center	Apr. 15-16
Maryland State Numismatic Association	Baltimore Hilton Inn Reisterstown Rd. and Baltimore Beltway, Md.	Apr. 15-16
Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico	Hotel Maria Isabel Sheraton, Mexico City, Mexico	Apr. 16-22
Southside Virginia Numismatic Association	Ramada Inn, Petersburg Exit 3 – I-95	May 7
National Paper Money Show	Holiday Inn - Rivermont Memphis, Tenn.	June 2-4
Canadian Numismatic Association	Holiday Inn, London Ontario, Canada	July 28-30
Blue Ridge Numismatic Association	Macon Hilton Macon, Georgia	Aug. 4-6
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center	Aug. 11-13
American Numismatic Association	Astro-World Hotels Houston, Texas	Aug. 21-26
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	SHERATON INN FREDERICKSBURG	SEPT. 15-17
Rockingham Coin Club	Sheraton Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 23-24



# "HAPPINESS IS - COIN COLLECTING"

# THEME FOR NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA APRIL 15 - 23, 1978

The Virginia Numismatic Association and its members join with the American Numismatic Association in celebrating National Coin Week in Virginia during the third week in April, 1978.

This year's theme is: "Happiness Is – Coin Collecting", which provides us with any number of possibilities for displays, talks and activities to promote our great hobby and acquaint the general public with the history of coins, medals, currency and other numismatic items.

The Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia has proclaimed the third week of April to be: "National Coin Week in Virginia". Copies of the proclamation and posters for Coin Week 1978 will be sent to VNA member Clubs for use in their displays, libraries, banks and other appropriate locations. Some Clubs ask the Mayor of their city to issue a proclamation also.

Numismatic talks and articles in local newspapers are timely, but must be arranged for ahead of time to get full benefit from them.

Exhibits are always interesting to collectors and non-collectors. Places to consider are banks, libraries, schools, stores and other public places where your displays will be safe from harm.

Be sure to take this opportunity to sign up new members or get back former members for your local Club and for The Virginia Numismatic Association. Please remember that we must interest and support young collectors in their efforts to learn about our hobby.

Share your promotion of National Coin Week in Virginia in 1978 with the rest of the collectors in Virginia. Tell Mrs. John Gearhart what you have done in your home area, so she can tell the rest of the state in The Virginia Numismatist.

Get involved – no one else can do it for you. See how much fun it can be to share your numismatic interests with others. And best of all – Have a great National Coin Week in Virginia and in your home town in 1978!

This year we are pleased and happy to welcome the collectors in Canada as they observe "Coin Week Canada – 1978". This is the first year for them, and we hope that they will have many more.

# **CANADIAN LARGE CENTS CLUB**

Collectors of Canadian coins will be interested to hear that the new Editor of the Canadian Large Cents Club is: Leslie A. Winners, P.O. Box 29915, Richmond, Virginia 23229. Best of luck with your new venture, Leslie!

# **APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

The following individuals have applied for membership in The Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse notice is received, in which case the matter will be aced on by the board of Directors.

# **Applicant**

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# NOTES FROM THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Although it seems to have been cold both inside and out at the ANA Midyear Convention in Colorado Springs, those attending enjoyed themselves. The Broadmoor is quite a place to stay.

President Grover Criswell announced the appointment of a new chairman of the Dealer Liaison Committee: ANA Governor Charles J. O'Donnell, of Williamston, N.J.

Members were reminded that the ANA Certification Service now covers paper money, tokens and medals, in addition to coins.

# **NO PUBLIC MEMBERS ON 1978 ASSAY COMMISSION**

For the second year in a row, there were no public members on the Assay Commission for the February meeting at the Philadelphia Mint. Mint employees and the statutory members only attended the meeting.

Many collectors are unable to understand why the cost of sets of coins that cost the government a few cents apiece to make had to go up \$2.00 per set, but the government could not afford the \$2,500.00 maximum amount budgeted for this purpose in former years. The public members pay all of their own expenses to travel to Philadelphia, stay at hotels, meals, etc. It seems to many collectors that \$2,500.00 is a small amount to pay for publicity, good will and an interchange of ideas between the Mint and collectors, especially when it is compared with the many millions of dollars that the Mint, which is the Treasury Department, which is the Federal Government, makes from the sale of coins and sets to these same collectors. A few millions of dollars does not seem to make much difference one way or the other to the government when they spend it for other purposes, but it seems like a lot to those who pay it.

The main contention of those who would eliminate the commission is that since gold and silver have been removed from the coinage, the traditional testing that is the function of the commission is no longer necessary. The fact remains, however, that the operation of the mint is still that of metal fabrication from the raw form into a finished product, and a quality control is still necessary, at all levels. This, in essence, is the function of the Assay Commission.

As collectors and persons interested in the composition, form and beauty of our nation's coinage, we hope that the public members of the Assay Commission will be retained.

The mint is restriking the 1977 assay medals and will have them for sale at a price of about twenty dollars. Those people whose names were on the list sent to the President's office to be considered for the 1977 Commission meeting might want to buy one. That may be the only way you'll ever get one.

### V N A'S SECRETARY-TREASURER HOSPITALIZED

Our very efficient Secretary-Treasurer, Richard Jones, has been confined to the hospital in Roanoke for back surgery. He is now home and recuperating, and will be glad to hear from our members and friends. Please excuse any delay in answers to correspondence sent to him. He will take care of all of it as soon as he is able to do so. We know that you will join us in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery.

### **NATIONAL SCRIP COLLECTORS**

Members of the National Scrip Collectors group met at the Shen-Va-Lee Lodge in New Market, Virginia on February 25th., to enjoy the fine food, skiing, golf, and best of all to talk, trade, buy, sell and talk about scrip and other tokens of all kinds.

# **NEWS OF OUR CLUBS**

# VIRGINIA TOKEN AND MEDAL SOCIETY

We are a new club just getting started. If anyone would like to join VA-TAMS or just want some information about our club, write: VA-TAMS, 484 Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

In our article in the last issue of THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, we goofed. The first illustrated token should have been "GOCHENOUR" BROTHERS, and not "CODHENOUR" BROTHERS. If any VNA members have a few Virginia merchant tokens, send me a short description of each one. If I need more information, I will get in touch with you.

# BLUE RIDGE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The 19th Annual Convention of The Blue Ridge Numismatic Association will be held at the Macon Hilton, Macon, Georgia, August 4 to 6, 1978. The Bourse Chairman is Paul Garland, P.O. Box 721, Camden, S.C. 29020. Host Clubs for this regional Convention are Georgia Numismatic Association and Middle Georgia Coin Club.

# COVINGTON COIN CLUB

The Covington Coin Club met for the February meeting at City Hall. This was the first meeting since November. We hope all the snow will be gone soon and we can hold meetings on a regular basis. This years officers include: Jim Beard, President and Dell Haymaker, Secretary. Our auction was a good one – we had 20 lots of coins for sale. The door prize, a Bronze Olympic Medal, donated by Willard Camp, was won by Dell Haymaker.

Several members have been making telephone calls, trying to get old members back in the Club. An invitation was extended to the general public and juniors to become members.

Ray Haymaker signed up two new members for V N A at the meeting, and members were encouraged to attend the V N A Convention in Fredericksburg next September and to prepare displays to be shown there.

# ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Sponsored by the Roanoke Valley Coin Club, the Roanoke Valley Coin and Antique Show will be held at the Roanoke Civic Center, Williamson Road and Orange Avenue, Roanoke, August 11 to 13, 1978. No admission will be charged. For information write: H.L. Tomlinson, Chairman, P.O. Box 1223, Roanoke, Virginia 24008.

# ISRAEL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF TIDWEATER

To start the new year off, Mort Ronick will present a program entitled "A Collector's Introduction To Israel's Money and Medals", designed to benefit both new and veteran collectors. Meetings are held at the Jewish Community Center in Norfolk. Visitors are welcome at their meetings.

# ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

The Rockingham Coin Club is keeping busy planning for its fall Coin Show in Harrisonburg, the weekend following the V N A Convention. At the February meeting, those who braved the snow heard an excellent talk about foreign coins by Club member Elliott Reeke. Mr. Reeke, who spends a lot of time traveling around the world, has over 160 countries represented in his coin collection.

# TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Winter meetings of the Club featured talks by Fred Ruben on "Cleaning Coins With Chemistry" and "The Origin of the U.S. Silver Dollar" by Brian V. Caddell, as well as the Christmas Party at the Lake Wright Motel. The election of the Board of Directors will be held at the February meeting.

The Club's 22nd Annual COIN-A-RAMA will be held at the Mariner Resort Inn on the Ocean Front at 57th Street, Virginia Beach, on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19. Featured will be: Dealers, Exhibits, Auction by Frank and Laurese Katen and Door Prizes. Admission is free.

As in the past, the Annual Banquet will be held at the same Mariner Resort Inn on Friday night. Tickets should be reserved in advance.

# FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

The members of the Club were pleased with the results of the Coin Show held at the Community Center in Fredericksburg in February. At the meeting, the Board Meeting of the V N A was held.

Both dealers and exhibitors were pleased with results of the Show, which was well attended by the public.

Some of the cancelled Turkey Money put out by the Club was auctioned off, making mementos for its new owners.

### KENT COIN CLUB

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore are making plans for the new year. Programs for the winter meetings featured "British Patterns" by Jules Reiver, and "Franklin Mint Medals", by Art Clouser. The traveling exhibit team will be making more trips to shows this year to share the fine exhibits they are preparing.

# MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The 1978 Convention and Show of the Maryland State Numismatic Association will be held April 15 and 16 at the Baltimore Hilton Inn in Pikesville, Reisterstown Road and the Baltimore Beltway. This Convention will be cosponsored by the Maryland Numismatis Society. Phil Greenslet, the General Chairman, has things moving along briskly with many outstanding exhibits, speakers and bourse dealers lined up. Frank and Laurese Katen will conduct the auction. Please address all correspondence to: William Lenz, P.O. Box 6533, Sparrows Point, Maryland 21219.

# WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Winter programs for the Washington Club featured the distribution of the funds raised by the Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association show last July and a slide program on United States Commemorative coins.

# SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Plans are being firmed up for the years programs and the Show coming up in March.

The 14th Annual Coin and Stamp Show will be held at the Ingleside Hotel, U.S. 11 North, Staunton, VA, March 18 and 19. For information on the bourse, write Ivan Lam, Ridgecrest Apt. C-210, Verona, Va. 24482

# MEHERRIN VALLEY COIN CLUB

Thirteen members were present at the Christmas dinner in Boykins to install the new officers and enjoy the program on coin grading presented by VNA Past President James Johnson. Members graded the coins to see if they would grade the same as he had, then the coins were presented to the Club by Jimmy Johnson for their auction. Dal Lyon installed the new officers: President-Charles L. Holt; Vice-President - Robert Baugham and Sec-Treas - W. Delbroe Johnson. The Past President's Plaque was presented to Carol Morgan. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

Long time Club member Rev. Carroll H. Beale passed away at the hospital in Franklin on January 10th.

# SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

New officers for the Club are: Pres - Gerald Perry; Vice-Pres - Preston Flint; Sec - Grover McDonald; Treas - J.C. Killman, Jr. and Directors: Louis Doucet, Lawrence Chavis, John Obersider, George Horanowsky and Howard Perdue.

Chairman for National Coin Week will be David McElhanon, and plans are being made for displays and talks in the tri-city area.

The Annual Coin and Stamp Show will be held at the Ramada Inn, Petersburg, Sunday, May 7. Take Exit 3 from I-95 to get to the Ramada Inn.

# RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Although the February meeting had to be cancelled because of snow, plans for the March meeting include an auction with 75 to 100 lots.

Officers elected to lead the Club in 1978 are: Pres - Bill Wilkerson; Vice-Pres - John Bottger; Sec - Joe Bush and Treas - Frank Terrell.

Interesting programs have been planned for each meeting of the coming year at the meetings in downtown Richmond.

# VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Club members enjoyed the Annual Banquet in February, complete with a steak dinner, exhibits, awards and an interesting speaker, along with the installation of the new Club officers. Master of Ceremonies Bernie Littlepage did an excellent job as he always does in conducting the meeting. New officers installed were: President - Mal Powell; Vice-President - Bob Coltrane; Sec-Treas - Jim Ross and Sgt-at-Arms - Sam Dollyhigh. The Past President's Plaque was presented to Harry Holland; Man of the Year Plaque was presented to Reed Walton and a special Plaque was presented to Margy and Frank Hannah in appreciation for the work they have done for the Club. Five awards were presented for the interesting exhibits displayed. The dinner speaker was Guy de Wolf, from Williamsburg, who presented a most interesting talk.

Club members were saddened to hear of the untimely passing of the new vice president, Bob Coltrane, in the hospital on March 3rd.

# LET'S KEEP WORKING FOR THE NEW U.S. COMMEMORATIVE COINS

With National Coin Week 1978 coming up next month, we hope that all of our readers will get out and work a little harder to convince the Treasury and the Congress to give us new, meaningful, attractive silver commemorative coins.

Ideas for new issues that are being proposed include: The Olympics; the 200th anniversary of the surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, on October 19, 1981 and a series for each of the States, put out one each year.

It is proposed that these would be issued by the Treasury in the same manner as the mint and proof sets are being done, and that they have a reasonable price put on them.

Commemoratives have been issued all over the world for many purposes, without having caused the confusion that is claimed by the spokesmen of the mint, and have been well accepted by collectors both at home and abroad.

Many of the present coins have had the same old designs for years – let's take this opportunity to bring a fresh, attractive and meaningful look to our own circulating coins.

We hope that you will take your trusty pen or typewriter in hand and let your senators and congressmen that represent us in Washington know our feelings in this matter. It costs a lot of our money to keep them there, tell them we would like to see a new look on some of it!

# **VIRGINIA TOKEN NOTEBOOK**

# **David E. Schenkman**

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The numismatic issues from any state are usually held in high regard by collectors in that state. Virginia is no exception, and for years the obsolete paper money has been popular. Thanks to the efforts of Charles Affleck and others, this field has been well catalogued.

Tokens have, for the most part, been neglected and many numismatists are hesitant to collect them. The main reason seems to be the scarcity of information available on the subject. Hopefully this column will help fill the void. So welcome to "Virginia Token Notebook", which will be a regular feature of "The Virginia Numismatist."

I have not devised a set format for the column, but plan to write on a wide range of subjects. The purpose, of course, is to interest you, the reader. Please feel free to write and make comments or suggestions, ask questions, or request articles on subjects that interest you. I'll do my best to oblige.

The usage of tokens in Virginia spans a period of over one hundred years. The different types are usually separated into the following three categories:

# 1) EARLY MERCHANT TOKENS

The earliest Virginia tokens were advertising in nature, although no doubt some did circulate as a substitute for money. Most of the tokens included in this category were issued between the 1830's and 1870's. Some of those tokens from the later period include denominations in their legends, and so can also be considered trade tokens.

At this point I should digress and discuss condition and its affect on value, since this is the only group of Virginia tokens in which condition is a major factor for determining value. Nineteenth century numismatists were avid collectors of tokens (and many of the rare varieties of merchant tokens were "created" for collectors of the period); therefore, many tokens in this category are more frequently encountered uncirculated than in circulated condition.

On the other hand, trade tokens were not usually saved, as numismatists didn't consider them worthy of collecting. This accounts for the fact that many of these twentieth century tokens are extremely rare today. Merchants had no reason for keeping their tokens after they discontinued using them, and often destroyed every specimen on hand at the time. In many cases the only known specimen of a trade token will be in very worn, or damaged, condition. For this reason collectors are usually satisfied with acquiring a trade token in any decent condition – they realize that the opportunity to obtain a better specimen might never occur.

# 2) TRANSPORTATION TOKENS

In the 1860's the first transportation tokens made their appearance in Virginia, these being used on a toll road between Richmond and Mechanics-

ville. They were followed by the issues of the early horse-drawn street rail-way companies, and later by the many twentieth century tokens used by streetcars, buses, taxies, bridges and ferries. A series of articles by this writer on Virginia transportation tokens appeared in issues of "The Virginia Numismatist" during 1969 and 1970. Transportation tokens often comprise a separate collecting specialty, and there is a national association (the American Vecturist Association) for collectors of this series. Because Virginia transportation tokens are collected not only by Virginia token collectors but also by a large number of "Vecturists" throughout the country, they bring higher prices than some other types of Virginia tokens of equal rarity from the same periods.

# 3) TRADE TOKENS

Trade tokens make up the majority of all tokens used in Virginia, and they will be discusses extensively in this column. In the areas where used, these tokens were referred to by various names such as checks, due bills, chips, rabbit money, scrip, etc. Whatever they were called, their function was usually as a substitute for money, and as you will see this took on many forms. A trade token will normally have either a monetary denomination or some other "good for" value (such as good for a drink, cigar, etc.). Most trade tokens were issued between the 1890's and the 1930's – very few are still in use today, although recently some merchants have issued sets of food stamp tokens, usually made of plastic.

In some cases only a single type of token was issued by a merchant; others issued several different varieties or denominations to suit their needs. The majority of all trade tokens were struck in either brass or aluminum, although other metals such as copper, nickel and zinc were also used.

There are some types of Virginia tokens (Jamestown Exposition items and Masonic pennies are two examples that come to mind) that don't fall within the confines of those groups described above. These may occasionally be discussed in this column, although for the most part I will be writing on tokens used for advertising or trade purposes.

Virginia tokens are collected in many ways. Naturally most collectors will try to acquire anything available at a reasonable price, since tokens are just not very easy to locate. We all have our preferences, however, and a few of the more popular ways to collect are listed below:

- 1) One token from each merchant
- 2) One token from each town
- 3) All tokens from one town or county

4) By type of business (for example, coal mine company store tokens) I am often asked how many different Virginia tokens exist. I started collecting in the early 1960's, and after a couple of years reached the conclusion that probably no more than a few hundred were ever used. How wrong I was! I now have records of nearly two thousand tokens, from more than two hundred and fifty towns, and am adding to the list nearly as often as I was ten years ago.

Obviously no catalog of these tokens will ever be complete. Any collector willing to spend time searching through antique shops, flea markets, coin shows, etc. can find previously unknown tokens and build a collection which includes items no other collector owns. One thing is certain – no one collection will ever be complete!

(Correspondence regarding this column should be addressed to the author at P.O. Box 274, Indian Head, Md. 20640.)

# **OTHER HOBBIES**

# **Deltiology**

by Ben Duncan

The collecting of postcards had its beginnings more than a century ago. It has become one of the fastest growing hobbies in the world today. To many the hobby is known as "Deltiology" — for others it's just "Postcard Collecting."

One can devote as much time or as little time to the hobby as one may desire. Also, the amount of money spent can vary from one dollar a week to hundreds of dollars a week. Many started the hobby as a "Go-with" for other hobbies. Postcards are a great "Go-with" for coins, stamps, photographs, and a host of other collections — such as early politics, early expositions and early transportation.

Millions of postcards have been manufactured, millions thrown away, and millions have been saved. The antique postcard will be any card manufactured and mailed before 1914. Still buried or stored away in attics, basements, and barns, these small pieces of cardboard are being discovered and made available to collectors of today.

Without a doubt, a postcard of one's hometown is always a favorite. The scene changes rapidly in our cities and country side. No longer are there trolleys, busy railroad stations, horse drawn wagons, and the skyline of yester-year. Postcards help to bring back memories, no matter how old you are or when you started collecting. Other topics collected — just to name a few — all the holidays, cute children, bridges, Indians, Negroes, the U.S. Presidents, royalty, hold to lights, the U.S. Mint, The Bureau of Engraving & Printing, Civil War, State history, disasters, signed artists, patriotic — the list seems to be almost endless.

Postcard Clubs are organized all across the U.A.A. Some are more than 2 decades in being organized, others just a few years. Many books are on the market as well as magazines. All offer a great source of information to the collector about the publisher, availability, and price guides. Many are embossed, very colorful, both plentiful, and scarce. Supply and demand governs the pricing. Most cards are less than \$1.00 each, many less than \$10.00 each, and a very few will demand a price of over \$50.00 each.

The postcard offers so much visual data on a fast changing world. Its people, the customs, special events, art, and holidays of all kinds. To the Postal History collector, the postcard offers even more than a picture, — the



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stamp, postal slogans, discontinued P.O. cancellations, or a combination of all.

The first postcard manufactured commercially in North America was in 1893 for the Colombian Exposition. The "craze" of postcard collecting years are from 1907 - 1913. A great change was made after World War I. Most cards were by artists and firms of Germany and Saxony. The war brought a halt to the fine quality, low cost. From 1918 to the present time, most cards are made in the U.S.A. The period of the late twenties to the early forties, the "Linen" card was produced. Today the lovely "Chromes" are available to collectors. Postcards have changed in style, size and quality since the first private postal card in the U.S. was copyrighted and printed on Dec. 7, 1861, by J.P. Charlton and H.L. Lipman, both of Philadelphia. The Lipman cards are rare and only a few copies have survived. All "Pioneer" cards mailed before May 19, 1898, are quite desirable to collectors. It's a sure indicator of early status if postmarked prior to this 1898 date. Many collectors prefer Mint Postal Unused Cards in their collections.

The postcards reproduced in black and white in this issue of "The Virginia Numismatist" are for you to enjoy and hopefully bring you the same pleasure as they did long ago in the postcard album on the table in the front parlor. Remember, the card cost one cent, the stamp one cent, and nearly everyone sent a card to everyone for all the holidays and every place visited. The card has changed considerably during the past 100 years, yet the message is almost unchanged — "Having a great time - with you were here."

VNA member Ben Duncan is a long-time collector of many types of paper items.

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Don Roberts, P.O. Box 162, Hampton, VA 23669

# V.N.A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE URAMEMBER

Prexy Haymaker appointed me Chairman of the Membership Committee – with authority to appoint the membership.

At our February Board Meeting in Fredericksburg, all officers and directors accepted appointment as working members of the committee. But success demands help from everyone – **SO, YOU ALSO ARE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE.** Please, be a hard-working member.

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"Why I'm a member of VNA? Several reasons stand out, but perhaps the most interesting reason is that I've always had a deep interest in the history of our country and its historical background, and I've found collecting coins and currency, as well as old letters and related material, the best source of information, as each note and coin has a degree of history about it. I find it educational, fascinating and the fun of meeting and fellowship of other collectors make it a most enjoyable hobby."

"Why belong to VNA? My answer is short. I like numismatics; I like to associate with others who like numismatics; I enjoy encouraging others, especially youngsters, to become interested in numismatics; and VNA provides the opportunity for this all to happen."

So, why join? Fellowship? Yes, it's natural to be with others who share an interest and VNA members are friendly folks who love to be together to "just talk" about prized possessions and desires. For years, the "Rag-Pickers" session of the one-and-only Annual Meeting has produced some of the "tallest stories" and best friendships in Virginia numismatics. In recent years, "Metal-Men" have made an impact – and most recently, Token Collectos have found a second home in the VNA. So you see, there is something for all in numismatics.

The VNA can be of help to local clubs. Not only are slides available to loan, but Prexy Haymaker plans to establish a Speaker's Bureau. Member clubs

could draw on this resource for educational programs, and member clubs car expect support and participation from VNA officers and directors, if desired

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Lou

Louis E. Doucet is the 1st Vice President of VNA and the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

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- 3. Die Varieties of the Early United States Quarters No. 2
- 4. Hard Times Tokens
- 5. Highlights of the Early United States Half Dollar
- 6. The Story of Money in Virginia

These are professionally produced and narrated 35mm color slides with the standard audio tape on reels. They are not available on tape cassettes, but they do have a written narrative that can be read when the slides are shown. Programs may be used for showing to church groups, youth organizations and other worthy and interested clubs. We request that they be returned as soon as possible after using them.

President Ray Haymaker has appointed a committee to check into the possibility of making new programs on other subjects when conditions permit.



# **BOOK REVIEWS**

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# PRESIDENT'S PAGE



I am able to report to you that plans for our 20th Annual Convention and Coin Show are progressing and everything seems to be on schedule. The site at the Fredericksburg Sheraton is adequate as well as beautiful. The Central state location puts us well within reach of all who wish to attend the occasion.

I am happy to tell you that all the comments I have received on the recent V.N.A. publication, "Virginia's 1861-1865 Treasury & Scrip Notes", are very complimentary. Since that publication has made its appearance, we

have received several donations. Not enough yet for another one, but we feel that more will be coming in and will be appreciated.

I would like to ask the Presidents of each member club to appoint a Club Representative and please send me that name.

Many thanks go to Mrs. Caroline Gearhart for a fine job as our V.N.A. Coin Week Chairperson.

Raymond G. Haymaker President, VNA

# **CALL FOR NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

The By-Laws of the Virginia Numismatic Association provide that an Election Committee shall present a slate of officers for each expiring elected office not later than June 15th of each year. During the period June 15 through July 15 additional nominations may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees are to be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Annual Convention in September, by ballot.

The following offices are open for nomination: Secretary-Treasurer and four (4) members of the Board of Directors. All offices are for a period of two (2) years.

Be sure to send all nominations so that they will be received by the Secretary-Treasurer between June 15 and July 15.

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National Paper Money Show	Holiday Inn – Rivermont Memphis, Tenn.	June 2-4
Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association	Sheraton Motor Irin New Carrollton, Md.	July 14-16
Canadian Numismatic Association	Holiday Inn, London Ontario, Canada	July 28-30
Blue Ridge Numismatic Association	Macon Hotel Macon, Georgia	Aug. 4-6
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center	Aug. 11-13
American Numismatic Association	Astro-World Hotels Houston, Texas	Aug. 21-26
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	SHERATON INN FREDERICKSBURG	SEPT. 15-17
Rockingham Coin Club	Sheraton Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 23-24
Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association	Penn Harris Motor Inn Camp Hill, Penna.	Oct. 26-29

# NOTES FROM THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Members and guests are urged to make their reservations early for the 87th Convention in Houston, August 21-16, and to order the medals and badges ahead of time, since they will not be struck after the convention this year.

A new schedule of activities will be tested at the Houston convention, one feature of which will be afternoon and early evening hours only for the bourse. The bourse will be open to the public daily from 12 noon to 7:30 PM except that it will close at 5 PM on Saturday. Most tours, ANA business meetings, and meetings of other groups will be in the morning; auctions and other meetings will be in the evening.

# Virginia Token Rotebook

David E. Schenkman, NLG (all rights reserved by the author)

The majority of all Virginia tokens were manufactured in much the same manner as U.S. coins – by inserting blank planchets in a press, between a pair of dies, and applying sufficient pressure to produce the desired results. And, since these dies are intaglio, the finished products will have the legends and designs raised on the planchets.

Some tokens, however, were made by countersinking (incusing) the legends into planchets. Tokens manufactured by this process are referred to as having incuse lettering. A few tokens made with raised lettering also have some incuse lettering. It is interesting to study the various types of tokens having partial or complete incuse lettering, and analyzing the reasons for which they were made.

I have gone through my collection and selected a few different types of tokens with incuse lettering to illustrate; undoubtedly there are other types which I am not aware of, but we will take a look at several interesting varieties.



Tokens made with all lettering incuse are, for the most part, fairly difficult to locate, since not many were used in Virginia (with the exception of seafood and canning company tokens, some of which are quite common). This one, issued by Calmes & Kraft of Alexandria, is struck in brass; the reverse is blank. As can be seen, the lettering was kept to a minimum on this early and rare token.



Here we have two more early tokens, both struck by H. Rice of Dayton, Ohio. Rice was one of several die-sinkers who manufactured many tokens with incuse legends. These are typical of his work, and on one of them his name appears on the obverse. Both of these tokens are 24mm; the one issued by E.W. Carpenter is struck in nickel and the other one is brass.



These two tokens from Camp Manufacturing Company were struck with completely raised lettering. Each has had a letter incused on the obverse, obviously at a later date. Camp Manufacturing Company operated many stores for employees of their logging camps, and possibly these letters were stamped when the tokens were used at stores other than the ones they were originally intended for. Or, perhaps it was done when the stores were moved to different locations. The token issued for Woods Store No. 2 was struck by S.H. Quint's Sons Co., a large Philadelphia die-sinking firm.

Camp Manufacturing Company issued a large number of different tokens for their stores, which were located in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. I have about 40 varieties in my collection, and I'm sure many more exist. A list of these tokens might be an interesting subject for a future article.







These tokens were struck with raised lettering, with a blank space left in the center of the obverse. By ordering tokens this way the merchant saved the cost of having different dies cut for each denomination he needed – he simply ordered one type, and then stamped in whatever denominations he desired. The tokens of G. Sauer are well known to collectors of nineteenth century merchants' tokens; they were probably struck in the 1870's, by Francis X. Koehler of Baltimore. In addition to the two varieties shown here, both of which are struck in brass, there is also a 25 denomination and a variety with no denomination.





Here is another instance where a token was struck with raised lettering, leaving a blank space in the center for the denomination; this one has a large blank space on both the obverse and reverse. I can only speculate as to the reason for this – perhaps when H. Heineman ordered them he hadn't decided what denomination he wanted, and then stamped the "5" at a later date. Or, there might be more than one denomination of this token, in which case it falls in the same category as the issues of G. Sauer described earlier. An unusual feature of this token is that the merchant's name doesn't appear on the same side as does the town and state name.





I can't figure out a logical explanation for this one. Louis Levin, who was a bottler in the 1920's according to my R.G. Dun & Co. mercantile directory, had his token struck with raised legend and then incused "¢" before and after the denomination. Possibly Levin thought that token which read "Good For 5 Drink" could be interpreted to mean "Good For Five Drinks", so added the "¢" for clarity.





From Port Republic comes a token which shows that recycling is nothing new! L.E. Lee simply took the tokens of another merchant, filed the names off, and incused his name into the planchets. The last three letters of the original merchant's name still show on the token – they are NDY. Does anyone have one of these tokens without Lee's name over the original merchant's. Quite possibly Lee purchased the business of the merchant who had these aluminum tokens struck, and thus inherited them.



I saved the most unusual type for last. The tokens of the Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Company (one of the largest coal companies to operate in Virginia) were issued with incuse lettering on the obverses and raised lettering on the reverses. This company, whose general offices were in Roanoke, had mines at several locations in southwestern Virginia. Tokens are known from Departments A, B, E, F and G; several denominations were issued for each location. All of these tokens were struck in aluminum, and most specimens are in corroded condition from having been buried.

(Correspondence regarding this column should be addressed to the author at P.O. Box 274, Indian Head, Md. 20640)

# **APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse notice is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors.

# **Applicant**

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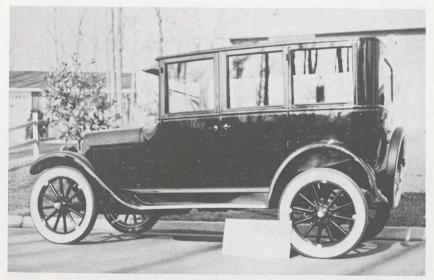
Two Wheel Brakes by R.A. Hicks, Jr.

When my friend Don Roberts requested me to write an article on antique cars, I was very pleased. Don had finally, after all these years, touched upon a subject I knew something about. That is the way I felt until I tried to write the first sentence, then I realized how complicated the subject could be. To many of us, an antique car is an old Model A creeping along some dirt road in the past, not the one that passed you on Route 1 last week going 55 mph. Antique cars have become one of the most interesting and enjoyable hobbies in the country. You do not have to be King Tut to own or enjoy antique automobiles. It is true the price of some go into the \$300,000 range. Many of the 1,200 different makes produced can still be purchased for under \$1,500. It may not be a 99 point show car, however, it can be driven and enjoyed by almost every member of the family. What member of the family would not enjoy jumping into the rumble seat (sometimes called mother-in-law seat) and going for a ride on a crisp winter day wrapped in a blanket.

Driving one of these wagons with a motor can be an experience. Remember – no power brakes, power steering, power windows, radio, heater, airconditioning, etc. Are you still ready? You may, however, have a vase of flowers in the back attached to the side post and a rear window shade, which contrary to popular belief, was to pull at night to keep the headlights of other cars from reflecting off the plate glass windows and blinding the occupants. Many of the antiques had a footrest in the rear with a blanket rack.

Any vehicle produced prior to 1928 is considered to be in the antique class, after 1928 they are vintage, classic, or special interest. Automobiles 25 years of age or older in Virginia may be issued antique liense tags. The car can be used only for parades or antique car events if the tag is used.

My wife Barbara and I have been on many tours and shows with our cars. One tour which was our first shall always remain in both our minds. We took our 1931 Chevrolet over the Blue Ridge with the Historic Fredericksburg Region Club. It was a very warm day in July. As usual, we had plenty of spare parts and water for we expected heating problems as was very common back in the early days. When we restore cars today the motors are precision checked and cooling systems redone to the very best to make the car as reliable as possible while being original in detail. Tires are exact reproductions of the originals except for the rubber content which is much better. It was not uncommon to have had four flats in 50 miles in the 1920's, just ask anyone who drove in those days. Anyway, back to our trip, after traveling no more than 20 miles, the exhaust system fell from a Model A. It was completely fixed and back on the road in ten minutes. It probably would take six hours now days. Well, we watched coils, fan belts, and radiator hoses being replaced as we drove the 100 miles over the mountains. It was not until we were near our destination that we had the most interesting problem. The fuel pump on our 1931 Chevrolet quit completely. One of the Model A drivers took it off, used a piece of an old SHOE BOX, and repaired it. Today, we would take off the defective pump, discard it, and replace it with a new one which may take less time, but it does seem like an unnecessary waste. Of course, the cost of labor was quite a bit less in 1931 than it is on today's market.



Consider a 1923 Model T Ford priced at \$485 delivered compared to a 1978 Ford priced at \$5,585 delivered. Of course we hear the saying "THEY SURE DON'T MAKE 'EM LIKE THEY USE TOO". My reply to this is "it's a good thing they don't". I would dislike very much to be traveling 55 mph on Interstate 95 with two wheel brakes, plate glass windows, on 23 inch wheels with a 3-inch tread in the rain with mechanical windshield wipers and no heater.

We did not often see the ladies behind the wheel until the forties and more so in the early fifties. I wonder if the automatic transmission had much to do with this? How about it ladies? Of course, now we have many women judges at national meets who judge the interiors of these cars. As for the antique car shows, during the summer months, you can go to a show every weekend. Normally, you may see 25 cars at a small meet, or 100 or more at a region meet. Then, if you should go to a national meet such as Hershey, Pennsylvania, you may see as many as 1,500 cars on the judging field. Cars are judged by points and not comparison at a national meet. Therefore, you could have many cars winning first place if they have the same number of points. I have seen eight first place cars in a Model A class at a national meet. It is true that many of the restorations on these cars make them look and run better than they did when they were first produced at the factory. It can take as long as five years of constant restoration to bring a car back to the condition the restorer desires. The 1923 Chevrolet I owned took seven years to restore. Many of the parts were difficult to locate and the car was restored on a part-time basis. It won two national awards when it was completed along with two best-of-show awards.

The values of these cars have doubled in the last two years. There is no better investment for fun or profit. We have found it is something the entire family can enjoy, whether it be touring or just out for a Sunday evening drive. If you should ever park a 1931 Model A along side a 1978 Lincoln Mark V, just watch which one the crowd goes to. If they should go to the Mark V, then you know President Carter must be inside.

In 1978 our motto may be "GO TO VNA - IN YOUR MODEL A."

# 1978 NATIONAL COIN WEEK IN VIRGINIA

Members of VNA spread the slogan "Happiness Is - Coin Collecting" across the Old Dominion during the third week of April in many ways.

Local coin clubs and VNA members placed exhibits in libraries, banks and other places to show some of their collecting interests to the public; gave talks to varied clubs and gatherings; presented books and numismatic publications to public libraries, and shared their hobby with many others through the press media; while at the same time signing up new members for their local clubs and VNA.

This year, for the first time, our neighbors in Canada were celebrating National Coin Week in Canada, and to the south our friends in Mexico were having their Annual meeting in Mexico City.

Our congratulations are extended to those who made all of this possible, and we hope that those who have not yet sent in the report of their activities to Mrs. John Gearhart will let her have the information as soon as they can.

As we have said before: Get involved – no one else can do it for you!

# **MULTIPLE DOLLAR COINS**

# by Lawrence K. Chavis

No doubt we are all familiar with the dollar as the basic unit of the monetary system of the United States. According to R.S. Yeoman – "the word 'dollar' was adopted officially as the standard monetary unit of the United States by Congress on July 6, 1785." The earliest dollars listed in *A Guide Book of United States Coins* are those showing a 1794 date.

The one-dollar coin has been struck by the government for many years since 1794. However, there have been intervening years that no dollar coins were minted.

The U.S. Government has issued the dollar in two forms, namely, a coin and a note or certificate. In addition to silver dollars and the Eisenhower Cupro-Nickel (clad) dollars, the United States has issued gold dollars.

Gold coins have also been issued in the following denominations:

\$2.50 Quarter Eagles)

\$3.00 (Three-Dollar Gold pieces)

\$4.00 (Four-Dollar or "Stella")

\$10.00 (Eagles)

\$20.00 (Double Eagles)

\$50.00 (Panama-Pacific Commemorative)

Over the years the silver dollar has been a favorite coin with numismatists and the general public as well. Today they are eagerly sought because of their intrinsic value as well as popular collectors' items. For this discussion I wish to dwell on coins with a face value of more than one dollar.

Several countries whose monetary unit is the dollar have issued coins with a face value of more than one dollar. For this report these coins will be referred to as multiple dollar coins. Listed here are some countries with their multiple dollar coins:

# . Anguilla

- A. 2 Dollars (Ag)-1969
- B. 4 Dollars (Ag)-1969
- C. 5 Dollars (Au)-1969
- D. 5 Dollars (Au)-1969

20 Dollars (Au)-1969

F.100 Dollars (Au)-1969

# II. Antigua

A. 4 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1970

# III. Australia

- A. 30 Dollars (Ag)-1976
- B. 30 Dollars (Ag)-1976
- B. 100 Dollars (Au)-1976

### **Bahamas** IV

- A. 2 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1966, 1969, 1971-75
- B. 5 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1966, 1969-76
- C. 10 Dollars (Cu-Ni, Ag & Au)-1967, 1971-76
- 20 Dollars (Au)-1967, 1971-73
- 50 Dollars (Au)-1967, 1971-76 E.
- F. 100 Dollars (Au)-1971-76 G. 150 Dollars (Au)-1974-75

  - H. 200 Dollars (Au)-1974-75
  - I. 2500 Dollars (Au)-1974

### V. Barbados

- A. 2 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1973-76
- B. 4 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1970
  - C. 5 Dollars (Ag)-1973-76
    - D. 10 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1973-76
    - E. 100 Dollars (Au)-1975

### VI. Belize

- 5 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1974-76
- 10 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1974-76
- C. 100 Dollars (Au)-1975-76

### VII. Bermuda

- A. 20 Dollars (Au)-1970
- 25 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1975\*
- C. 100 Dollars (Au)-1975\*

The 25 Dollar and the 100 Dollar coins were issued to commemorate the Royal visit to Bermuda in 1975 by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip.



# VIII. British Guiana

- A. 5 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1976
  - B. 10 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1976
- C. 100 Dollars (Au)-1976

# X. British Virgin Islands

A. 100 Dollars (Au)-1975-76

### X Canada

- A. 5 Dollars (Au-1912-14
- B. 10 Dollars (Au)-1912-14
  - C. 5 Dollars (Ag)-1973-76
  - D. 10 Dollars (Ag)-1973-76
- E. 20 Dollars (Au)-1967
  - F. 100 Dollars (Au)-1976

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# Pirginia Merchant Poken Listing

By VA-TAMS

My thanks to Charles Rogers, Chuck Kagey of Williamsburg, Lewis Sutton of Norfolk, Frank Hannah of Hampton, Neville Brugh of Troutville and Elvin Miller of Leesburg.

These men have been kind enough to let me take their collection of tokens home with me, or like Neville and Elvin, sent me a list of their tokens. To compile a list of tokens is a hard job. Not like listing coins, where you just put down dates, mint marks and condition, each token has to be checked as to wording, millimetres, etc. Sometimes, a dot or a couple of stars are the only difference between two tokens from the same company.

This starts our list of Virginia merchant tokens. If anyone has a few that we missed, send me a list of what you have and we will start a second list when this is finished.

Page Mann Secretary VA-TAMS

Starting with this issue we will be presenting a continuing listing of Virginia Merchant Tokens by VA-Tams for our readers' information. They have asked us to tell anyone that has additional items to send this data to: VA-TAMS, 484 Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, to share with other collectors.

FLEISCHMANN'S/50¢/ALEX, VA. (ALEXANDRIA?) Same Alum. 26mm, Oct.

H. M. BURGE CO. INC./DEALER/IN/GENERAL/MERCHANDISE/APPO-MATTOX, VA.
Good For/1/in Trade
Brass, 18mm, Round

**THE BERTHA MINERAL CO.**/1/REDEEMABLE/IN ACCORDANCE/WITH LAWS OF/VIRGINIA/AUSTINVILLE, VA. Ins. Credit System, Dayton, O./in/Trade/1/Pat'd June/19 WM, 17 mm, Round (3 rev dies known, 1 in brass with WM plated and 2 in WM)

#### BASSETT MERCANTILE CO./BASSETT,/VA.

Good for/10/in Merchandise Brass, 26mm, Oct.

#### STONE MERCANTILE CO./\$1.00/STORE #2/BASSETT, VA.

Good for/1.00/in/Merchandise/not Transferable Alum, 35mm, Oct.

#### STONE MERCANTILE CO./5¢/BASSETT, VA.

Good for/5¢/in Merchandise

Brass, 19mm, Round

#### STONE MERCANTILE CO./10¢/BASSETT, VA.

Good for/10¢/in Merchandise Alum, 24mm, Round

#### STONE MERCANTILE CO./25¢/BASSETT, VA.

Good for/25¢/in Merchandise Brass, 25.5mm, Round

#### STONE MERCANTILE CO./50¢/BASSETT, VA.

Good for/50¢/in Merchandise Brass, 28mm, Round

#### STONE MERCANTILE CO./\$1.00/BASSETT, VA.

Good for/\$1.00/in Merchandise Brass, 30.5mm, Round

#### POCAHONTAS/BERKLEY/VA.

Pocahontas/Good for¢2½¢/Pool Parlor Alum, 24mm, Round

#### 2/R. L. PORTLOCK (In Script)/TWO CTS (BERKLEY, VA.)

Blank

Cardboard, 28 mm, Round (Light Orange with Black lettering)

#### 4/R. L. PORTLOCK (In Script) FOUR CTS (BERKLEY, VA.)

Blank

Cardobard, 28mm, Round (Yellow with Black lettering)

#### 10/R. L. PORTLOCK (In Script)/TEN CTS (BERKLEY, VA.)

Blank

Cardboard, 28mm, Round (Green with Black lettering)

#### 20/R. L. PORTLOCK (In Script) TWENTY CTS (BERKLEY, VA.)

Blank

Cardboard, 28 mm, Round (White with Black lettering)

#### JOE THOMAS/BERKLEY./VA. Good for/5¢/in Trade

Alum, 24mm, Round

#### J. W. HURLEY/BIG STONE/GAP/VA.

Good for/5¢/in Trade Alum, 17 mm, Round

#### KELLY'S SUPER MARKET/FOR/DEPOSIT/ON/BOTTLES/BIG STONE GAP./

VA.

Same

Zinc, 17.5mm, Round

#### POLISH/CLUB/BLACKSTONE,/(VA.)

Good for/10¢/in Trade Alum, 16mm, Round

### C. W. PATTERSON,/1 CENT/BODY CAMP, VA.

Sq. Cardboard, 46mm, Red with black lettering

#### C. W. PATTERSON,/25 CENTS/BODY CAMP, VA.

Blank

Sq. Cardboard, 46mm, Pink with Black lettering

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#### THE MONEY STORE

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One of the proposals for an added feature for THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST was to have a place where members could list items for sale or trade or ask for something they need for their collections. A small charge may be made later, but at first they will be free to members. Please send them to: The Editor, THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669, and mark them for The Money \$tore. The regular deadlines will apply.

WANTED – Virginia scrip (tokens) and wooden nickels. Also, I have a few Virginia tokens for sale or trade.

Page Mann, 484 Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185

WANTED - Virginia National Bank Notes.

Henry Hawkins, 815 Lee Avenue, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

WANTED - Virginia County notes and Fredericksburg Bridge Tokens.

R.A. Hicks, 411 Deerwood Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

WANTED – For my personal collection any numismatic item relating to the City of Lynchburg, VA. State price and condition. All letters answered.

Luis M. Baier, Rt. 1, Box 159K, Concord, VA 24538

WANTED – Souvenir wooden nickels of Virginia and West Virginia. Describe and price.

Walter Drinkard, #1 Donald Street, Richmond, VA 23226

WANTED – 15 cent Sussex County Note; Bond or share certificate from Jerusalem-Petersburg Plank Road, VA.; VA token - Surrey Lumber Co., West Hope, Sussex County, VA; City of Petersburg, VA, token - receivable for taxes or any dues to City.

Howard E. Spain, Waverly, VA 23890

WANTED - Virginia scrip, particularly Virginia Toll Road Scrip.

Charles E. Echols, P.O. Box 7586, Charlottesville, VA 22906

WANTED – Ku Klux Klan tokens and associated material. Price and describe. Robert W. Ross III, P.O. Box 765, Wilmington, DEL 19899

WANTED – Virginia Colonials - early Broken Bank, Private issues, Merchant's, Sheriff, Turn Pikes and Virginia County Scrip. Also VA Nationals, large or small.

Will buy, sell or trade. Write today.

Garland Stephens, Box 243, Wytheville, VA 24382

#### **NEWS OF OUR CLUBS**

#### SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The Annual Coin and Stamp Show will be held at the Ramada Inn, Petersburg, Sunday, May 7. Take Exit 3 from I-95 to get to the Ramada Inn.

Under the chairmanship of David McElhanon, plans are being made to have displays and talks to clubs in the tri-city area below Richmond.

#### METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Publicity Chairperson Laurese Katen has announced that an interesting and full line-up of events, meetings, bourse, displays and an auction have been scheduled for the 13th Annual Convention of MWNA this summer, July 14-16 at the Sheraton Inn at New Carrollton, Maryland. The theme for this year's show is "1978 – 200 YEARS PLUS 2". There should be something here to interest just about any collecting interest.

#### MIDDLE ATLANTIC NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Plans are being completed for the fall convention of MANA at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill, Penna. (just outside of Harrisburg). Members and friends are reminded that there are still some of the bronze and silver medals available for collectors and members.

#### MARYLAND STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

President Bill Lenz and 1978 Convention Chairman Phil Greenslet have reported that the Convention, Baltimore Hilton Inn on the Beltway, was one of the best they have ever had. A full complement of dealers, exhibits, meetings and the banquet was attended by a goodly number of persons, and enjoyed by all who came.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore report that the months of March and April were busy and interesting ones for the Club and its members. The Traveling Exhibit Team was on the go to various shows in the East. Plans are underway for the spring activities as well as for National Coin Week.

#### RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Auctions and displays are part of the activities scheduled for the Club at our state capital. Plans are being made for the rest of the spring meetings.

#### CANADIAN LARGE CENTS CLUB

Plans are underway for Club members to help support the first COIN WEEK CANADA in 1978, as well as their usual club activities.

#### **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

Members and officers of the south side club were pleased at the fine results from all of their planning for the annual show at Virginia Beach. The officers for the new year were installed at the annual banquet on Friday evening. Several interesting programs are scheduled for the monthly meetings at the Virginia Wesleyan College Library.

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Club members were pleased at the good results from all of their hard work at the coin show held at the Ingleside Hotel on March 18 and 19. The Club realized a profit, which will help considerably with the club projects.

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Programs on coin grading by using the new ANA grading guide and on U.S. commemorative coins were featured at club meetings in March and April. Plans are underway for the July 14-16 Annual Convention of The Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association, put on by all of the Washington area clubs. Some of the club medals are still available for sale to collectors.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

An auction and a slide program on the history of early coinage were presented for members at the March and April meetings. Plans for displays, talks and the presentation of numismatic books and publications to the area libraries were made to celebrate 1978 National Coin Week in Virginia. Mrs. John Gearhart, past president of the Virginia Peninsula Coin Club, has been appointed by VNA President Ray Haymaker as the Chairman of the VNA National Coin Week in Virginia program. She asks that all members clubs please report to her on their activities for 1978 National Coin Week, so she in turn can report to President Haymaker.

# About the Cover! SOUVENIR CARD FOR PAPER MONEY SHOW IN JUNE

Mr. Seymour Berry, Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has announced that a souvenir card will be issued in conjunction with Bureau exhibit participation at the International Paper Money Show to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, June 2 - 4.

The subject of the card is an engraving depicting the discovery of the Mississippi by Hernando De Soto. The vignette, printed from a plate prepared from the original master die, first appeared on the reverse of the \$10 National Bank Note of the First Charter Period (Act of Feb. 25, 1863), and subsequently appeared on the reverse of the \$500 Federal Reserve Note, Series 1918.

Cards are priced at \$1.75 each, and are available from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing by mail order for delivery after June 2nd. Do **not** send cash.

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1570 Richmond	8875 Chillowie
1585 Staunton	9246 Charlottesville
1609 Danville	9663 Manchester
1658 Clarksville	9732 Emporia
1704 Norfolk	9890 Buena Vista
1742 Charlottesville	10252 Honaker
1769 Petersburg	10568 New Market
2907 Roanoke	10611 Wise
3570 Culpeper	10658 Gloucester
4047 Suffolk	10827 Reedsville
4257 Bedford City	10834 Independence
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5268 Fredericksburg	11533 Tazewell
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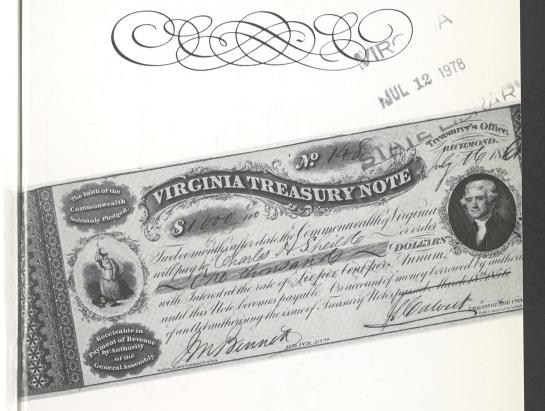
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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



This is being written on the first of July: The great and glorious 4th will be next week and our 20th Annual Convention and Coin Show is only two and one half months away.

Several pages further along you will see many of the details of the excellent meeting that our two co-chairmen, Elvin Miller and Ralph Hicks have arranged at the Sheraton Inn - Fredericksburg.

Please be sure to plan your fall schedules so that you, your families and friends, will be able to meet with us and enjoy all of these interesting and informative activities.

Mark the dates of September 15 to 17 on your calendar and be here at the 20th Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association in this lovely and historic part of the Old Dominion.

We will see you there!

Sincerely, Ray Haymaker President, VNA

#### APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

The following individuals have applied for membership in the Virginia Numismatic Association and will become members within 20 days of the mailing date of this notice unless some adverse notice is received, in which case the matter will be acted on by the Board of Directors.

#### **Applicant**

Rich Ashburn, Richmond, Va.
David Johnson, Reston, Va.
Jay Smith, Virginia Beach, Va.
William H. Conner, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Paul Roth, Camden, Delaware
Louisville Coin Club, Louisville, Ky.

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#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1978-1979**

The By-Laws of The Virginia Numismatic Association state that an Election Committee appointed by the President shall present a slate of Officers and Directors for each expiring elected office, not later than July 15th of each year. Additional nominations for any open office may be accepted from any member in good standing. Names of all nominees shall be published during the month of August and voted on by mail or at the Convention in September, by ballot. The following Officers and Board Members terms expire in 1978:

Secretary-Treasurer Richard Jones, Roanoke

Board of Directors

James M. Beard Lexington Walter L. Mason, Jr. Rockville, Maryland Robert M. New Roanoke Rapids, N.C. Howard E. Spain Waverly

The nominating committee presents the following slate of Officers:

Secretary-Treasurer Richard Jones, Roanoke

Board of Directors

James M. Beard Lexington
Robert M. New Roanoke Rapids, N.C.
Stephen R. Taylor Dover, Delaware
Ben Duncan, Richmond, Va.

Any additional nominations should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Richard Jones, P.O. Box 1981, Roanoke, Virginia 24009

## About the Cover!

The \$1000.00 note pictured on the cover this issue was submitted by one of our members. It's existence was unknown until receintly, and information regarding this note is very sketchy but it is hoped that some of our members will be able to shed some light on this very interesting note.

Anyone having information on this is urged to contact the Editor of The Virginia Numismatist at P. O. Box 353 / Hampton, Virginia 23669.

## Virginia Token Notebook

David E. Schenkman, NLG (all rights reserved by the author)

Cont. from the last issue . . .





John F.W. Dorman is well known to most token collectors as the Baltimore die sinker who struck a great number of trade tokens during the late 1800's and well into the twentieth century. Less known are the earlier tokens struck by Dorman. In 1875, shortly after commencing business at 19 Germain Street, he issued a token advertising his company, Dorman's Stencil & Stamp Works. This brass token, which is pictured above, is 20mm in diameter and depicts a female (liberty) head and the date 1875 on its reverse.

Evidently the reverse design on Dorman's token was quite popular, for the die was utilized in striking tokens for many other merchants, most of which were located in the Baltimore area. I know of five Virginia merchants who also issued tokens struck by Dorman, using this reverse die, and their tokens will be illustrated in this article.





Two Lynchburg business establishments issued tokens with the 1875 reverse die; both were struck in brass. The Diamond Saloon token is especially desirable since saloon tokens are in demand by collectors, and very few saloons in Virginia issued tokens. Donald Miller's "A Catalogue of U.S. Store Cards or Merchants Tokens" lists this token as number 3; none of the other tokens described in the article are listed (except Dorman's own issue). Very likely the Office Restaurant, issuer of the other Lynchburg token, was also a saloon. Both of these tokens are scarce.





Next we have the issues of Joseph Klepper. His tokens were struck in two denominations – the 5 is lead and the 10 is brass. Of all the 1875 series tokens from Virginia the Klepper brass variety is the most frequently encountered. Klepper went into business in Norfolk about 1870, at 139 Church Street. An advertisement from an early city directory is reproduced here.



The restaurant evidently did well, as a later city directory advertisement lists his address as 139, 141, 143 and 145 Church Street. By 1882 Klepper's business boasted a billiard hall and orchestrion, and in 1889 he also owned a hotel. In later years he entered the real estate business. He died on December 20th, 1896.



W.R. Vieth was another Norfolk merchant who issued a token of this type. His token is only known in one denomination, but I own specimens struck in both brass and lead; both types are rare.



Our last token comes from Staunton. Tom Burk's restaurant and bar was a first class establishment, if the advertisement reproduced below can be believed. This ad was found in a Chesapeake and Ohio Railway route and resort guide booklet, circa 1878. The token, which is struck in brass, is guite rare.



(Correspondence regarding this column should be addressed to the author at P.O. Box 274, Indian Head, Md. 20640)

To be Cont. . . .

#### **Chavis appears on Television during National Coin Week**



In observance of National Coin Week-78, Lawrence K. Chavis of the Southside Virginia Numismatic Association appeared on Pat Roberson's FYI Show televised over the facilities of WXEX-TV 8 Richmond-Petersburg, Virginia.

#### **NEWS OF OUR CLUBS**

#### ALEXANDRIA COIN CLUB

The Alexandria Coin Club will hold its Annual Fall Coin Show on October 14th and 15th, at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, Virginia. For further information, write the Bourse Chairman: Mr. Richard Carpenter, 3712 Onset Lane, Waldorf, Maryland 20601.

The Club meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Chinquapin Adult Recreation Center, 3210 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Each month an auction is held and some of the members set up Bourse tables. Coffee and doughnuts are served after the meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Programs for recent meetings were: U.S. Patterns, Trial & Experimental Pieces, presented by Wayne Wilcox, and Other Hobby Night – a fun time. There will be no meetings in July and August because of the MWNA show in July and the ANA show in August.

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Spring and summer meetings of the Club will be held in Fishersville. Plans are being made for a trip in the fall, possibly to Washington.

#### TIDEWATER COIN CLUB

Recent meetings featured programs on Early United States Dollars, by President Bill Jones, and Coin Questions and Answers, by George Allison. Meetings are held in the Library at the Virginia Wesleyan College.

#### ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Club members are busy with plans for the Coin Show to be held at the Roanoke Civic Center on August 11th to 13th. All collectors are invited to attend.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Reports on Coin Week activities and programs on error coins and the coinage of the Spanish American Mints were featured at the monthly meetings. The Club will appoint a Club Representative for the Annual Meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association at Fredericksburg in September, and take a full page advertisement in the Convention Program, as they have done every year.

#### RICHMOND COIN CLUB

Plans for the spring and summer meetings called for a Spanish Treasure Program and an Annual Dinner Meeting at the Club in Richmond.

#### CANADIAN LARGE CENTS CLUB

Members were busy with activities for observing and promoting National Coin Week Canada, and making plans for attending the Canadian Numismatic Association Convention at London, Ontario, in July.

#### ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

Along with regular meetings, plans are under way for the fall Coin Show at the Sheraton Inn in Harrisonburg, September 23 and 24.

#### GREAT EASTERN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Collectors are invited to attend the GENA fall Show at the Americana Hotel in New York City, September 28 through October 1. Featured are Bourse tables, an auction by Kagin's of Des Moines, Iowa, educational exhibits, an educational forum and a Young Numismatist Program.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

Our friends over on the Eastern Shore have been busy with meetings, visiting other clubs and preparing for the annual picnic in June.

National Coin Week was a busy time for them, too. The Annual Show will be on Sunday, September 24th., with plans well under way for that.

#### SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

Members were pleased at the attendance at the Annual Show at the Ramada Inn in Petersburg.

The Club promoted exhibits in three Tri-City area locations for National Coin Week – 1978, and Club member Lawrence K. Chavis appeared on Pat Robertson's show televised over the facilities of WXEX-TV channel 8, Richmond-Petersburg.

IF YOUR CLUB IS NOT REPRESENTED HERE WE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY INFORMATION FROM THEM. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR SECRETARY AND ASK THAT VNA BE INCLUDED ON THEIR MAILING LIST SO WE MAY INFORM OTHERS OF THE HAPPENINGS IN YOUR CLUB!!!

#### **MULTIPLE DOLLAR COINS**

#### by Lawrence K. Chavis

#### Continued From Last Issue . . . .

#### XI. Caymen Islands

A. 2 Dollars (Ag)-1972

B. 5 Dollars (Ag)-1972

Commemorative Issues (2) for the Silver Wedding of the British Royal Couple on 20th November 1972.\*

C. \*25 Dollars (Ag)-1972

D. \*25 Dollars (Au)-1972

Commemorative Issues (2) for the Centenary of the birth of Sir Winston Churchill.\*

E. \*25 Dollars (Ag)-1974

F. \*100 Dollars (Au-1974)

#### XII. China

A. 5 Dollars (Au)-1914, 1916

B. 10 Dollars (Au)-1916

C. 10 Dollars (Au)-1916

D. 20 Dollars (Au)-1919

China issued coin in multiple dollar values, even though the basic monetary unit of China is not the dollar.

#### XIII. Republic of China (Taiwan)

A. 5 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1965, 1970-74

B. 10 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1965

C. 50 Dollars (Ag)-1965

D. 100 Dollars (Ag)-1965

E. 1000 Dollars (Au)-1965

F. 2000 Dollars (Au)-1965-66\*

\*Commemorative issue for the 80th Birthday of Chiang Kai-Shek.

#### XIV. Cook Islands

Commemorative Issue for the 25th Anniversary of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II (2nd June 1953).\*

A. \*2 Dollars (Ag)-1973

Commemorative Issues (2) for 2nd World Circumnavigation of James Cook and the Discovery of Manual and TE AUOTU (23.9.1773).\*

B. \*21/2 Dollars (Ag)-1973

C. \*71/2 Dollars (Ag)-1973





Commemorative Issues (3) for the Centenary of Birth of Sir Winston Churchill.\*

D. \*50 Dollars (Ag)-1974

E. \*50 Dollars (Ag, gold-plated)-1974

F. \*100 Dollars (Au)-1974



G. 5 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1976

H. 100 Dollars (Au), 1975\*, 1976

\*The 1975 100 Dollar gold coin was issued to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the completion of Captain James Cook's voyage of discovery to the Cook Islands in the Pacific.

#### XV. Dominica

A. 4 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1970

#### XVI. Ethiopia

Commemorative Issues (5) for the 75th Anniversary of the Birth and the 50th Jubilee of the Reign of Emperor Haile Selassie I.\*

A. \*10 Dollars (Au)-1966

B. \*20 Dollars (Au)-1966

C. \*50 Dollars (Au)-1966

D. \*100 Dollars (Au)-1966

E. \*200 Dollars (Au)-1966

F. 5 Dollars (Ag)-1972-Theodoros II

G. 5 Dollars (Ag)-1962-John IV

H. 5 Dollars (Ag)-1972-Menelik II

I. 5 Dollars (Ag)-1962-Zewditu

- J. 10 Dollars (Ag)-1972-Haile Sellassie
- K. 50 Dollars (Au)-1972-Theodoros II
- L. 50 Dollars (Au)-1972-John IV
- M. 50 Dollars (Au)-1972-Menelik II
- N. 50 Dollars (Au)-1972-Zewditu
- O. 100 Dollars (Au)-1972-Haile Selassie

Ethiopia issued coin in multiple dollar values, even though the basic monetary unit of Ethiopia is not the dollar.

#### XVII. Fiji Islands

Commemorative Issues (2) for the Centenary of Great Britain taking possession of the islands.\*

- A. \*25 Dollars (Ag)-1974
- B. \*100 Dollars (Au)-1974-75

#### XVIII. Grenada

A. 4 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1970

#### XIX. Hong Kong

- A. 2 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1976
- B. 5 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1976
- C. 100 Dollars (Au)-1975-76

#### XX. Jamaica

- A. 5 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1971-76
- B. 10 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1972, 1974-76

The 1978 25 Dollar and 100 Dollar coins were issued to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Coronation.\*

- C. \*25 Dollars (Ag)-1978
- D. \*100 Dollars (Au)-1978\*

#### XXI. Liberia

- A. 21/2 Dollars (Au)-1973
- B. 5 Dollars (Au)-1973-75
- C. 10 Dollars (Au)-1964
- D. 20 Dollars (Au)-1964, 1972
- E. 25 Dollars (Au)-1965, 1970
- F. 30 Dollars (Au)-1965
- G. 100 Dollars (Au)-1976
- H. 200 Dollars (Au)-1976
- I. 400 Dollars (Au)-1976

#### XXII. Singapore

- A. 5 Dollars (Ag)-1973
- B. 10 Dollars (Ag)-1972-76

C. 100 Dollars (Au)-1975

D. 150 Dollars (Au)-1969

E. 250 Dollars (Au)-1975

F. 500 Dollars (Au)-1975

#### XXIII. Solomon Islands

A. 30 Dollars (Au on Ag)-1975

B. 100 Dollars (Au)-1975

#### XXIV. St. Christopher - Nevis - Anguilla

(Group of islands in the Lesser Antilles. Member of the Caribbean Free Trade Area (CARIFTA). In 1967 Anguilla broke off relations with the neighboring islands, see also under Anguilla).

A. 4 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1970

#### XXV. St. Lucia

A. 4 Dollars (Cu-Ni)-1970

#### XXVI. St. Vincent

A. 4 Dollars (Cu-NI)-1970

#### XXVII. Trinidad and Tobago

A. 5 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1971-76

B. 10 Dollars (Cu-Ni & Ag)-1977

C. 100 Dollars (Au)-1976

These multiple dollar coins are unique, artistically appealing and many are historically significant. In this connection, many are commemorative issues. They have been minted in several metals and vary in diameter and thickness. A number of these coins may be secured in either mint or proof grade and, in some cases, both. Due to worldwide inflation, countries are issuing multiple dollar coins in increasing numbers and this trend is likely to continue.

By acquiring one or more of these coins, the individual will have a numismatic item that is bound to make for interesting conversation with the knowledge that he is in possession of something of enduring value.

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# Pirginia Merchant Poken Listing

By VA-TAMS

Cont. from the last issue . . .

#### BOISSEVAIN/SUPPLY CO/INC./BOISSEVAIN, VA.

Good for/10¢/in/Merchandise
Brass, 22.5mm, Round

#### WILSON BROS./5/BOSSEVAIN, VA.

Ins. Credit System.Dayton,O/in Trade/5/Pat'd June/'19
Brass/WM plated, 19mm, Round

#### WILSON BROS./25/BOISSEVAIN, VA.

Insurance Credit System.Dayton,O/in Trade/25/Pat'd June/'19 Brass/WM plated, 24mm, Round

#### WILSON BROS./50/BOSSEVAIN, VA.

Insurance Credit System. Dayton, O/in Trade/50/Pat'd June '19 Brass/WM Plated, 30mm, Round

#### WILSON BROS./1.00/BOSSEVAIN, VA.

Insurance Credit System.Dayton, O/in trade/1.00/Pat'd June '19
Brass/WM Plated, 35.5mm, Round

#### WILSON BROS./5/BOSSEVAIN, VA.

In Trade Only/5/Ingle(in script)/System/Pat. Apr. 7, 1914
Brass/WM Plated, 19mm, Round

#### WILSON BROS./10/BOISSEVAIN, VA.

In Trade Only/10/Ingle(in script)/System/Pat. Apr. 7, 1914 Brass/WM Plated, 21mm, Round

#### WILSON BROS./25/BOISSEVAIN, VA.

In Trade Only/25/Ingle(in script)/System/Pat. Apr. 7, 1914
Brass/WM Plated, 24mm, Round

#### WILSON BROS./50/BOISSEVAIN, VA.

In Trade Only/50/Ingle(in script)/System/Pat. Apr. 7, 1914
Brass/WM Plated, 30mm, Round

## KINSEY & BERNARD/DEALERS IN/GENERAL/MERCHANDISE/&/AGR'T'L. IMP'TS./BOONE MILL, VA.

Good for/25/in Merchandise Alum, 28mm, Round

# KINSEY & BERNARD/DEALERS IN/GENERAL/MERCHANDISE/&/AGRICULTURAL/IMPLEMENTS/PACKERS OF/CANNED GOODS/BOONE MILL, VA.

Good for/50/in Merchandise Alum, 33mm, Round

#### KINSEY & BERNARD/DEALERS IN/GENERAL/MERCHANDISE/&/ AGRICULTURAL/IMPLEMENTS/PACKERS OF/CANNED GOODS/ BOONE MILL, VA.

Good for/1.00/in Merchandise Alum, 35.5mm, Round

## R.S. BRYARLY/DEALER IN/WINES, LIQUORS/CIGARS/&/TOBACCO/BOYCE, VA.

Good for/5¢/in Trade/-at-/Bryarly's/Distillery/Boyce, Va. WM, 21mm, Round

#### AT STORE OF/KNIGHT & KINES/BOYKINS, VA.

Good for/25¢/in Trade
Alum, 30mm, Oct.

#### AT STORE OF/KNIGHT & HINES/BOYKINS, VA.

Good for/50¢/in Trade Alum, 34mm, Oct.

#### AT STORE OF/KNIGHT & HINES/BOYKINS, VA.

Good for/\$1.00/in Trade
Alum, 38mm, Oct.

#### AT STORE OF/R.M. KNIGHT/&/BROS./BOYKINS, VA.

Good for/1.00/in Trade Alum, 32mm, Round

#### W. A. POWELL & CO./BOYKINS,/VA.

Good for/10/in Merchandise Brass, 24mm, Round

#### J. C. CRIGLER, JR./GENERAL/MERCHANDISE,/BRIGHTWOOD/VA.

Good for/5¢/in Merchandise

Alum, 21mm, Round

#### J. C. CRIGLER, JR./GENERAL/MERCHANDISE,/BRIGHTWOOD/VA.

Good for/10¢/in Merchandise

Alum, 24.5mm, Round

# PREPARED STATEMENT OF LOUIS E. DOUCET, VICE-PRESIDENT, VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND COINAGE CONCERNING H.R. 12444

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Louis Doucet and I reside at 333 Beauregard Avenue, Petersburg, Virginia 23803. Thank you for allowing me to submit this prepared statement.

In recent weeks I have talked with many coin collectors and others interested in numismatics in Virginia, concerning the proposed minting of a new, smaller dollar coin; the design thereof; and the possibility of the minting of commemorative coins. Most of those I talked with agree with me that the new, smaller dollar coin would be an exciting addition to collectors' interests, most especially to the young numismatist. Most also agree that a smaller coin would find acceptance in daily business use.

Concerning design, the majority join me in supporting the treasury-proposed "Miss Liberty" design. I would hope that half-dollar coins would be used to commemorate those individuals and events considered worthy of the honor.

In summary, the majority of coin collectors and numismatists with whom I have discussed the matter join me in urging passage of legislation to authorize minting of a new, smaller dollar coin with the "Miss Liberty" design and enactment of legislation authorizing the Mint to prepare and issue half-dollar commemorative coins.

#### **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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#### THE MONEY STORE

#### BUY-SELL-TRADE BUY-SELL-TRADE BUY-SELL-TRADE

One of the proposals for an added feature for THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST was to have a place where members could list items for sale or trade or ask for something they need for their collections. A small charge may be made later, but at first they will be free to members. Please send them to: The Editor, THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669, and mark them for The Money \$tore. The regular deadlines will apply.

WANTED – Virginia scrip (tokens) and wooden nickels. Also, I have a few Virginia tokens for sale or trade.

Page Mann, 484 Catesby Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23185

WANTED - Virginia National Bank Notes.

Henry Hawkins, 815 Lee Avenue, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

WANTED - Virginia County notes and Fredericksburg Bridge Tokens.

R.A. Hicks, 411 Deerwood Drive, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

WANTED – For my personal collection any numismatic item relating to the City of Lynchburg, VA. State price and condition. All letters answered.

Luis M. Baier, Rt. 1, Box 159K, Concord, VA 24538

WANTED – Souvenir wooden nickels of Virginia and West Virginia. Describe and price.

Walter Drinkard, #1 Donald Street, Richmond, VA 23226

WANTED – 15 cent Sussex County Note; Bond or share certificate from Jerusalem-Petersburg Plank Road, VA.; VA token - Surrey Lumber Co., West Hope, Sussex County, VA; City of Petersburg, VA, token - receivable for taxes or any dues to City.

Howard E. Spain, Waverly, VA 23890

WANTED - Virginia scrip, particularly Virginia Toll Road Scrip.

Charles E. Echols, P.O. Box 7586, Charlottesville, VA 22906

WANTED – Ku Klux Klan tokens and associated material. Price and describe.

Robert W. Ross III, P.O. Box 765, Wilmington, DEL 19899

WANTED – Virginia Colonials - early Broken Bank, Private issues, Merchant's, Sheriff, Turn Pikes and Virginia County Scrip. Also VA Nationals, large or small.

Will buy, sell or trade. Write today.

Garland Stephens, Box 243, Wytheville, VA 24382

WANTED – Georgia obsolete currency, bank notes and scrip. Claud Murphy, Jr., P.O. Box 921, Decatur, Georgia 30031

WANTED TO BUY – Military Orders and Decorations, Worldwide. Price and describe in first letter.

B.D. Littlepage, P.O. Box 944, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

WANTED – Fredericksburg area medals, tokens, etc., especially Fredericksburg Bridge Token.

Fredericksburg Coin Club, P.O. Box 5011, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

#### CALENDAR OF COIN SHOWS

Club	Location	Date
Metropolitan Washington Numismatic Association	Sheraton Motor Inn New Carrollton, Md.	July 14-16
Canadian Numismatic Association	Holiday Inn, London Ontario, Canada	July 28-30
Blue Ridge Numismatic Association	Macon Hotel Macon, Georgia	Aug. 4-6
Roanoke Valley Coin Club	Roanoke Civic Center	Aug. 11-13
American Numismatic Association	Astro-World Hotels Houston, Texas	Aug. 21-26
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	SHERATON INN FREDERICKSBURG	SEPT. 15-17
Rockingham Coin Club	Sheraton Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 23-24
Great Eastern Numismatic Association	Americana Hotel New York, N.Y.	Sept. 28-Oct. 1
Alexandria Coin Club	Falls Church Comm. Ctr. Falls Church	Oct. 14-15
Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association	Penn Harris Motor Inn Camp Hill, Penna.	Oct. 26-29

As it has been for many years, the climax of our numismatic activities for the year in Virginia will be the 20th Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, to be held in the Sheraton Inn at Fredericksburg.

One of the best descriptions we have seen of the site of Fredericksburg is in the "History of Fredericksburg, Virginia," published by the Citizens' Guild of Washington's Boyhood Home Town, in 1937:

"It is at the Falls of the Rappahannock River, the tide sweeping in from the Chesapeake Bay, ending at the foot of the Falls; the down rushing waters from the Virginia Piedmont (foot of the Mountains), tumbling over the successive ledges of living granite which constitute what the geologist calls "The Fall Line". Since the world was young, these granite ledges, running generally northeast-southwest have resisted the eroding action of the waters and of the ice in winter, and will doubtless stand for ages, marking the dividing line between the Tidewater and the Piedmont."

#### **1978 VNA CONVENTION LINE UP**

September is an ideal time to visit this part of Virginia, and our convention managers have arranged for visits to various near-by areas for our members and guests.

Make your plans now and get your reservations in early to be sure you have the accommodations you want. You and your family will also enjoy the various places of interest in and around the town.

Please remember too, that our conventions are not only commercial coin shows . . . . There are lots of Bourse Tables with a wide variety of numismatic materials for sale, but in addition there are also exhibits of all types, meetings and talks, and best of all, the fellowship of meeting with and talking to your friends.

#### **EXHIBITS**

Be sure to get in touch with Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to arrange for space for your exhibits. This is a once-a-year opportunity to show the rest of us your collecting interests, and tell us all the things about them that we wanted to know but didn't know how to ask. Awards will be presented for: "Best of Show"; the "Charles Affleck Award" for the best paper money exhibit, and seven (7) "Outstanding Awards" for the next seven top awards without regard for category. Let's all try our best to come up with a winning exhibit for our Annual Convention, and be sure to enjoy this important part of the meeting.

#### **AUCTION**

A three-session auction of coins, medals, currency and numismatic books will be conducted on Friday and Saturday by Frank and Laurese Katen. The time and place of the auction sessions will be announced.

#### BOURSE

Admission to the Bourse is free and all are invited. Chairman Ray Haymaker tells us that tables are selling well, and that a wide range of numismatic materials will be available for all collecting interests. Be sure to take a look at all of the tables to see if you can find something you need for your collection, and possibly a new interest, too. For information about tables, write: Raymond G. Haymaker, RFD 1, Box 322, Clifton Forge, Virginia 24422.

#### ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet, held on Saturday night following the social hour, is always one of the most enjoyable parts of the Convention. Following the excellent dinner will be the installation of officers for the next year, presentation of awards and exhibit plaques, and our featured dinner speaker. Please be sure to get your dinner tickets when you register for the Convention at the desk.

#### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Inn on Saturday, September 16, 1978. Time and place of the meeting will be announced.

#### CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission fee to the Annual Convention, but space is available in the Convention Program for advertisements by members, clubs, dealers and friends, to help offset the cost of presenting the Show. In addition, for the sum of \$2.00 you can be listed in the Program as a Patron.

Please send your advertising copy and checks to: The Virginia Numismatist, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669.

#### SPMC LUNCHEON

A luncheon for the Society of Paper Money Collectors will be held on Saturday. An interesting program has been arranged for, details will be given in the mailing sent in August. This will be open to the public, too.

#### "RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

And remember – last but far from the least of the Saturday activities, don't forget that in the evening, following the banquet, the "rag-pickers" will assemble for their annual get-together . . . . only once a year do you get an opportunity to attend a meeting like this!

#### **CLUB REPRESENTATIVES**

All member clubs are asked to be sure to appoint your Club Representative to attend the annual breakfast on Sunday morning and the meeting afterward with the representatives from other clubs across the state.

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

Next to the registration desk will be a table displaying the VNA membership pins, along with Charlie Affleck's two books on "The Obsolete Paper Money of Virginia" and Douglas Ball's "Confederate Interim Depository Receipts & Funding Certificates Issued in the Commonwealth of Virginia". These will not only make a valuable addition to your own collection, but also make excellent gifts for your local library.

#### **OUR DINNER SPEAKER**

For our guest speaker at the dinner on Saturday night, we have selected Mr. Grover Criswell, speaker, dealer, author, long time member of The Virginia Numismatic Association and currently President of the American Numismatic Association.

Mr. Criswell has been involved with many phases of numismatics for over 30 years, and will be sure to bring an interesting report on present and future matters of interest to us all.

Be sure to obtain your dinner tickets when you register so you will be able to be there to hear this interesting and colorful speaker.

#### MOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Please remember to arrange in advance for your rooms at the Sheraton Inn at Fredericksburg, Virginia. You will be sent a motel reservation form early in August. Be sure to send it in early for the best selection of rooms.



DON't FORGET . . . you will receive a Special Mailing from VNA in August as you do each year, with Hotel Reservation Cards and all of the latest Convention information that is available.

Editor

The following article by Guest Columnist James A. Johnson, Jr., appeared in two parts in Jim Packards Column "Stamps and Coins" carried in The Richmond Times-Dispatch on Sunday, August 7 and 14, 1977.

Editor

#### "HISTORICAL TIDBITS"

By James Johnson

Some time ago while browsing through an interesting book ("Silversmiths of Virginia," by George Barton Cutten, The Dietz Press, Inc., Richmond) I ran across a couple of historical tidbits that may be of interest to Virginia coin hobbyists.

Few people realize that the first engraver of the U.S. Mint had previous Virginia ties. Robert Scot, born in England, had settled in Fredericksburg before 1775. His business was primarily as a watchmaker and engraver, although it is probable that he produced and repaired silverware as well.

#### **Exact Work Not Known**

His engraving skills were needed by Virginia during the Revolution, and the state utilized his talents.

Since none of the notes issued by Virginia before 1781 were made from engraved plated – except the Ashley issues of 1773 and 1775 from plates engraved in London – it is not now known what Scot engraved. It is possible that he may have produced the woodcuts, or the molds used in casting the designs for the decorative edges used in printing Virginia currency.

Fragments of such castings on pot metal have been displayed in Williamsburg among the many artifacts recovered from their intensive excavations.

At any rate there is a record that he was paid 2,103 pounds, 8 shillings by the State of Virginia, for "services and expenses" in detecting counterfeiters.

#### Move to Philadelphia

In 1781 Scot was moved to Philadelphia where he proclaimed himself a "late engraver for the State of Virginia," in an ad in the "Pennsylvania Packet" of May 27, 1781. In later ads he offered his services as an engraver and copper plate printer from several locations in the city.

He was appointed engraver for the Mint in Philadelphia in November, 1793, the year of the first production of U.S. coins from the Mint.

The "Comprehensive Catalogue and Encyclopedia of U.S. Coins for 1976" lists Robert Scot as the designer of the following federal coinage:

Half cents (1794) (1800-1808), large cents (1796-1807) (1816-1857), half dimes (1794-1805), dimes (1796-1807), quarters (1796-1807), half dollars (1794-1807), \$10 gold (1795-1804).

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#### "Designer" Generous Title

"Designer" may be too generous a title to give him since on his early silver coinage dies he copied the head of Liberty that had been sketched by Gilbert Stuart and cut into die hubs for the silver dollar by Philadelphia artist Jacob Eckstein.

In Scot's day all dies were prepared by hand rather than from a complete master hub, and variations in the placement of the devices make an interesting study. Today's critics do not rate Scot as a top artist in coinage dies produced during his years of service at the Mint

STATES, originally spelled STETES and then corrected on a half dollar, the fraction 1/000 instead of 1/00 on large cents; legends run together instead of being properly spaced, and many others.

#### He Was Responsible

All of these errors cannot be directly blamed on Scot's work, but he was the chief engraver and must have approved the dies before they were put in use. It must be remembered, however, that in the early years the Mint worked under primitive conditions, and under constant pressure to have dies available when working ones broke or became too worn for use.

It is not strange that utility won over artistic production in such a period. Robert Scot was still holding his post as Mint engraver as late as 1806 and his name is listed in Philadelphia directories as late as 1822

The second item in Cutten's book, "The Silversmiths of Virginia," involved counterfeiting. The principal character is Samuel Brooks, a man of many talents, and the incident occurred in Richmond.

Brooks worked in Philadelphia as a goldsmith and seal cutter until about 1794. He then moved to Norfolk and appeared to be quite active in business as a "jeweler, miniature painter and engraver." In 1803 he moved to Richmond.

A few months after this move he was approached by a distinguished looking stranger in his Richmond shop and engaged to engrave a map. Later, the stranger revealed his real purpose, which was to engage him to engrave plates for counterfeit bank notes. He had plans ready made for disposing of millions of dollars of these notes and showed that he had had successful experience in such a swindle and was also an expert forger.

#### **Time to Consider**

Brooks was offered handsome inducements to go along with the scheme, but he demanded more time to consider the proposition. In the meantime, he consulted with close friends and through them, with government officials. Upon their advice he began to work for the stranger, whose name was Thomas Lockwood.

When sufficient evidence was collected, the authorities arrested Lockwood and confiscated the plates, dies, presses and counterfeit notes already pro-

duced. Only Lockwood was convicted and imprisoned – the remainder of his band escaped. For a while Brooks felt his life was in danger from them.

Governor John Page was kept posted on the affair from the beginning and offered Brooks the protection of the state when he was in danger. Page also sponsored a payment by Virginia of \$500 to Brooks to compensate him for lost time and business, and wrote to President Thomas Jefferson and Virginia's two senators suggesting a suitable reward from the federal government.

#### **Nothing From Washington**

Brooks wryly commented that he received nothing from Washington, but he did receive a personal letter from Governor Page thanking him for patriotic service. Much of the account is taken from a weekly newspaper, the Impartial Observer, which Brooks founded in Richmond in 1806 and published for about a year.

Banks' notes of this period were normally printed directly from handengraved copper plates. They may have had some crude pictorial device such as an eagle, or statue, engraved in the center of the note and some attempt at a medallion around the denomination numerals in the upper corners.

The remainder of the note was in beautifully engraved script in which the bank promised to pay to some named person, or bearer, the stated sum. These notes were handsigned by the president and cashier (hence the need for Lockwood's skill at forgery) and were hand dated and numbered.

The back of the note was blank. Because of the simplicity it would be comparatively easy for a skilled, practicing copper plate engraver to produce a plate from which acceptable notes could be produced.

Finally, it may be interesting to speculate on what bank notes were counterfeited. In 1803 Virginia had no chartered banks – it was not until the following year that the General Assembly authorized the Bank of Virginia. The Bank of Alexandria was chartered and in operation, but this was then a part of the District of Columbia.

The Bank of the United States, with the parent bank in Philadelphià, had many branches throughout the country. I have never seen a note issued by the Richmond branch of the Bank of the United States, and the few I have seen from the Norfolk branch were dated many years after 1803.

I have seen notes on the New York branch about this period turn up in Virginia, as well as an occasional specimen from the Philadelphia parent bank.

It would be logical to assume that the counterfeit plates were made to produce false notes of the New York branch of the Bank of the United States or the mother bank. Both of the issues would be recognizable in Virginia, but if issued here, it would be some time before they got back to the named bank of issue and were declared counterfeits.

By the time the bad news got back to Virginia, the thieves putting themselves in circulation would have departed for fresher climates, leaving the trusting natives who had accepted the notes in good faith, to stand the loss.

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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Once again we are drawing close to Convention time. The date is Sept. 15-16-17; the place is Fredericksburg Sheraton. This is one of the most beautiful of all the Sheratons. Originally, this was the site of a huge dairy farm. The barn now makes one of the main buildings, with the silo as a restaurant. The grazing land is now a beautiful golf course. Fredericksburg is a major historical center and tours have been arranged. I would like to impress upon all of the members, the importance of our convention and ask each one to make a special effort to attend. I would

also like to remind each member club to appoint a club representative to attend the representative breakfast on Sunday morning. It is free to the club representative and there will be discussion of importance to the clubs.

This will be a good time to find the coin, token, or piece of paper money that you have been searching for, or to sell your accumulated surplus. It will be the time to say thanks to each dealer at our show, because without their presence, we could not afford to hold a convention each year.

This year the Society of Paper Money Collectors will hold a regional meeting at our convention. They will sponsor a luncheon that will be open to the public.

Don't forget the awards banquet, at which time Grover Criswell, A.N.A. President will be the speaker. At nine o'clock the rag pickers will get together. Hoping to see you all at the convention.

Ray Haymaker President, VNA

#### **VNA TO PUBLISH BOOK ON VIRGINIA TOKENS**

The Virginia Numismatic Association authorized the Publications Committee to start work on David E. Schenkman's proposed book on Virginia Tokens.

The book will include all types of Virginia tokens (but no medals), including merchants, transportation, coal scrip, etc. They will be listed by towns and illustrated where possible.

Present plans call for the book to be in the same size as the previous ones published by VNA, 8½" by 11", with the book to be printed intime to be introduced at the 1979 VNA Convention.

It is requested that anyone with information on Virginia tokens will get in touch with the author, David E. Shenkman, P.O. Box 274, Indian Head, MD 20640.

#### NEWS OF OUR CLUBS

#### WINCHESTER COIN CLUB

Club members are making plans for the Coin Show to be held in the National Guard Armory on Millwood Avenue, in Winchester, on October 28 and 29. For information on bourse and exhibits write: Mr. John Stickles, Jr., c/o Winchester Coin Club, P.O. Box 299, Winchester, VA 22601.

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Summer meetings are being held in Fishersville, and final plans are being made for the fall trip.

#### METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

The program put on by the Washington area coin clubs was considered by many who attended as the best one yet.

#### AI FXANDRIA COIN CLUB

The Alexandria Coin Club will hold its annual Fall Coin Show on October 14 and 15, at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. For bourse information write: Mr. Richard Carpenter, 3712 Onset Lane, Waldorf, Maryland 20601.

#### ROANOKE VALLEY COIN CLUB

Members were pleased with the results of the Coin Show in the Civic Center in Roanoke in August.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Featured at the August meeting was a program on silver dollars, presented by John Gearhart, Frank Hannah and Don Roberts. Members are planning to go to the Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association in Fredericksburg the third weekend in September.

#### ROCKINGHAM COIN CLUB

Plans are under way for the annual show to be held at the Sheraton Inn in Harrisonburg, September 23 and 24.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

Interesting summer meetings are scheduled for the club members over on the Shore in Delaware. Plans are under way for the annual show to be held on Sunday, September 24, in Dover, Delaware.

#### **V N A ANNUAL CONVENTION NEWS**

#### SPECIAL MAILING

Be sure to check your mail for the envelope containing convention materials that was sent to each member early in August. Enclosed are details for the 20th Annual Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association, to be held at the Sheraton Fredericksburg Inn, September 15, 16 and 17.

This lovely Inn is located at the Interstate 95 and Route 3 interchange just south of Fredericksburg, about halfway between Washington and Richmond. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

#### BOURSE

The Bourse is a major and very important part of our Annual Convention and Show. Admission to the Bourse is free. Be sure to check with all of the dealers to see the wide range of numismatic items available for collectors. Our dealers come from all over the country to sell you their stock they have gathered together to appeal to all collecting interests. Bring your want list with you! And if at first you don't see what you are looking for – ask if they have it. They can not put all of the items they carry on display at one time.

There will be no insurance carried on either bourse materials or exhibits, but guard service will be maintained 24 hours a day for the duration of the show in these two areas.

#### **EXHIBITS**

Write or call Exhibit Chairman James M. Beard, 317 Miller Street, Lexington, Virginia 24450, to reserve space for your exhibits. Application forms were in the envelope sent out to members. It takes time and work, but it is a lot of fun to put together an exhibit showing your collecting interest and show the rest of us how to put together an attractive, interesting and informative exhibit. Attractive plaques will be awarded to the winners after the Saturday evening banquet. There will be plenty of space for exhibits, so let's fill it up with a variety of displays for all collecting interests.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

In accordance with past practice, the annual business meeting of The Virginia Numismatic Association will be held at the Sheraton Fredericksburg Inn, near Fredericksburg, Virginia, on Saturday, September 16, 1978, at a time and place to be announced. The election of officers and other items on the agenda will be considered.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Information on the accommodations, prices and facilities available at the Sheraton Fredericksburg Inn were included in the special mailing. Be sure to make your reservations early for the best selections of rooms.

#### ITEMS FOR SALE

Displayed on a table next to the registration desk will be VNA books and membership pins, as well as other items for your consideration.

#### **CONVENTION PROGRAM**

The Virginia Numismatic Association does not charge any admission to the Annual Show and Convention, but advertising space in the Convention Program is available for members, friends, clubs, dealers, publishers and other interested persons.

If you do not wish to take a regular ad, you may be listed in the Convention Program as a Patron for the sum of \$2.00, to help offset the cost of presenting the Show

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#### "RAG-PICKERS" GET-TOGETHER

And by all means, don't forget that on Saturday night after the banquet the Rag-Pickers will assemble for their annual conference and discussion period. Time and place of the meeting will be announced at the Convention. All that are interested in the history and collecting of paper money are invited to attend. This is a once a year opportunity – don't miss it!

#### **OUR DINNER SPEAKER**

For our dinner speaker we have been fortunate to secure a long time V N A member, Col. Grover Criswell of Florida. Grover is a long time dealer in numismatic materials and is the President of the American Numismatic Association, author, speaker and advocate of collecting currency, books and other goodies.

He has not shared with us the subject matter of his talk, but whatever he does come up with will be interesting (and we can assure you that no one has ever been known to fall asleep while he is talking about his favorite subject: Money!).

Be sure to obtain your dinner tickets when you register, so you will be able to hear what is going on in the numismatic community.

Always the highlight of the Convention, the banquet will be held Saturday night following the social hour.

Following the excellent dinner that has been arranged for us will be the installation of officers for their new terms, presentation of awards, the awarding of plaques for the exhibits, and our featured speaker, Mr. Grover Criswell, President of The American Numismatic Association. We suggest that you arrange for your tickets when you register.

Remember, we only have an opportunity once a year to meet with our friends from all over Virginia and the United States, in connection with our fine hobby of numismatics. Don't miss it!

#### **AUCTION BY KATENS**

A three session auction of U.S. coins and paper money, numismatic literature and foreign and American auction catalogs will be held by Frank and Laurese Katen. Both public and mail bids will be accepted. If you are attending the Convention, be sure to arrange to be at the two sessions on Friday at 1 PM and 7 PM and the 1 PM session on Saturday – if you are unable to attend, submit your mail bid. The Katens have promised us an interesting and diverse selection from which to choose.

#### COME AND ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP

In conclusion, remember that there are many reasons to attend the Annual Convention. There are lots of bourse tables with a wide variety of numismatic items for sale by dealers from all over the country, exhibits of all types, educational and business meetings, trips around the beautiful and historical Fredericksburg area . . . and best of all, the fellowship of meeting old friends and making new ones. Make your plans to attend now, and get your reservations in early.

The Inn offers an excellent golf course, tennis and swimming on the grounds to guests staying there.

Old houses, battle grounds, antique and other type of shops are all located in and around Fredericksburg.

If you come by car, the Inn is accessible from I-95 at the Route 3 Interchange. For those coming in by plane, there is hourly transportation from the Washington National Airport to the Inn during the day at a reasonable cost.

Bring your family and enjoy yourself before, during and after the 20th Annual Show and Convention of The Virginia Numismatic Association at the Sheraton Fredericksburg Inn, September 15, 16 and 17, 1978. We will be looking for you!

#### 1978 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ballots for the officers whose terms expire this year were sent with the special mailing of Convention materials in August.

Please be sure that your marked ballot is either returned at once to the Secretary-Treasury at Roanoke, or give it to him at the Annual Convention in time for the votes to be counted prior to the Annual Meeting. All eligible members are urged to vote for the candidates of your choice.

#### **CLUB-REPRESENTATIVE BREAKFAST**

All member Clubs are requested to appoint a club representative to attend the breakfast and meeting on Sunday morning. These meetings are an important place to discuss club problems and successes; where you can tell each other how your club functions and exchange ideas as to how to make the club work better. This is one of the more important opportunities at a state convention, so be sure that your club has someone there. Please arrange for your tickets when you register for the Convention.

#### TOURS

A bus tour to some of the historic areas in and around Fredericksburg will be available. The tour bus, with a guide, will pick you up at the Sheraton and tea will be served at Kenmore.

#### SPM CREGIONAL MEETING

The Society of Paper Money Collectors will have a regional meeting, with a luncheon on Saturday and an address by the Smithsonian's Dr. and Mrs. Clain-Stefanelli.

Be sure to get your tickets when you register, since there will be only so many seats available for the meal.

This will be the VNA's educational program for our 20th Annual Convention.

#### **CALENDAR OF COIN SHOWS**

Club	Location	Date
VIRGINIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION	SHERATON INN FREDERICKSBURG	SEPT. 15 - 17
Rockingham Coin Club	Sheraton Inn Harrisonburg	Sept. 23 - 24
Kent Coin Club	Sheraton Inn Dover, Delaware	Sept. 24
Great Eastern Numismatic Association	Americana Hotel New York, N.Y.	Sept. 1 - Oct. 1
Alexandria Coin Club	Falls Church Comm. Ctr. Falls Church	Oct. 14 - 15
Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association	Penn Harris Motor Inn Camp Hill, Penna.	Oct. 26 - 29
Winchester Coin Club	National Guard Armory Millwood Avenue Winchester	Oct. 28 - 29

#### 1978 U.S. UNCIRCULATED COIN SETS

The Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175, will start accepting orders for sets of uncirculated U.S. coins, at \$7.00 per set, starting September 1, 1978. This will include the coins issued for 1978 by the Philadelphia and Denver Mints. Send checks for a maximum of 5 sets per order.

# Virginia Token Notebook

David E. Schenkman, NLG (all rights reserved by the author)

Collecting by denomination is very popular with specialists in all types of numismatics. This popularity is attested to by the fact that even those not afflicted with the "denomination bug" will value highly those oddball denominations in their collections. And, as with anything popular in numismatics, sooner or later someone will sit down and compile a list of known varieties.

I make no claims to pioneering the field of denomination cataloging. In the April, 1968 issue of the TAMS JOURNAL, Arlie R. Slabaugh penned an article "Collecting Trade Tokens By Denomination, 1/10¢ – \$100.00" in which he listed all denominations of trade tokens known to him at that time. Very likely Arlie now knows of denominations not listed in that article – such projects are seldom complete, as new discoveries turn up occasionally.

More recently, the May, 1977 PAPER MONEY (publication of the Society of Paper Money Collectors) featured an article entitled "Pssst Got Change For An Eight", in which author Rober H. Durand listed odd denomination paper money and commented on the relative rarity of each listing.

Now, having established that listings of denominations are nothing new, I will proceed with my contribution to the specialty – a catalog of all denominations of Virginia trade tokens known to me. As with other listings of this sort, mine is probably not complete. As a matter of fact, even though I have collected Virginia tokens for nearly twenty years, I acquired a previously unknown denomination just a few months ago!

Although transportation tokens are not included in this list, I should mention that there are some denominations in this series that are not found on trade tokens. They are as follows:  $13\phi$  and  $38\phi$  (N. Mechanicsville Turnpike Company); and  $35\phi$ ,  $45\phi$  and  $55\phi$  (Tri-State Coach Corporation).





1/4¢ – This is a scarce denomination. The illustrated token was issued by the York River Seafood Company of Perrin, Va. I know of two other denominations of tokens issued by this firm.





½¢ – Another difficult denomination acquire. What would a meat market use a ½¢ token for?





1¢ – This one is easy. Although the majority of merchants who issued "sets" of tokens used 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and \$1.00, many included a 1¢ denomination.





1½¢ – John W. Taylor was a canner and hardware dealer who operated in Hallwood from the teens until at least 1927. He also issued a 5¢ token. This denomination is rare, and to the best of my knowledge Taylor is the only merchant in Virginia to utilize it.





2¢ – Although this would seem to be a very unusual denomination, it is not very difficult to locate a specimen.





2½¢ – Another fairly common denomination. An obvious use for a 2½¢ token would be to facilitate trade for anything priced "two for 5¢." According to an area resident of Big Stone Gap, Va., Thompson Brothers operated a pool room and beer garden.

to be continued . . . . .

(Correspondence regarding this column should be addressed to the author at P.O. Box 274, Indian Head, Md. 20640)

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By Raymond Haymaker

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The President, Herbert Hoover, could not get the Congress to pass needed legislation, although he had solved a similar situation in Europe after World War One.

In 1932, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was elected President. He took office in March 1933 and his first act as President was to issue a Presidential Edict, a Moratorium, closing all banks and freezing all indebtedness for the time being. As the closing of the banks coincided with a payday for the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company in Covington, Virginia, officials of the Company found themselves without funds to pay their employees.

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The West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., now Westvaco Corp. was started around the turn of the Century by the Luke family. The Wm. Luke II whose name appears on one piece of this "scrip" was the son of one of the founders.

# About the Cover!

Pictured on the cover this issue is a "Token" which commemorates the 150th anniversary of surrender of Lord Cornwallis on the obverse and the 50th anniversary of the "Bank of Hampton" on the reverse.

If you have tokens that were issued in Virginia you are urged to contact Mr. David Schenkman at P.O. Box 274, Indian Head, Md. 20640, in order for them to be included in the book VNA is to publish.



#### THE MONEY STORE

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One of the proposals for an added feature for THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST was to have a place where members could list items for sale or trade or ask for something they need for their collections. A small charge may be made later, but at first they will be free to members. Please send them to: The Editor, THE VIRGINIA NUMISMATIST, P.O. Box 353, Hampton, Virginia 23669, and mark them for The Money \$tore. The regular deadlines will apply.

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1 (Rays) Brass, 19.5mm, Round

# THOS. P. YAGER, INC./GEN'L/MDSE./CROSS KEYS/&/PENN LAIRD,/VA. 2 (Rays)

Brass. 24mm. Round

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#### PRESIDENT'S PAGE



Our 20th Annual Convention is now history, and from the indications: "A good time was had by all". I feel that the attendance was good, that most dealers were satisfied with their sales, and buyers were, too.

I want to express my thanks to all of the people who planned and carried out the arrangements for the Convention, and to the dealers and visitors who made it possible.

Our Annual Show and Convention is the best opportunity for all our members and friends to meet and talk with each other, to

exchange ideas and plans, and to just plain enjoy themselves.

Please, let all of our members return home with a renewed vigor and enthusiasm for the winter schedules of local coin clubs, the Virginia Numismatic Association and the national and regional organizations. We need to get new members, help our junior members and regain those who have dropped out for a time. Try some of those new ideas!

Since this is the last issue of The Virginia Numismatist for the year, I extend to all our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Numismatically yours,

Raymond G. Haymaker President, V N A

We regret to inform our readers of the death of VNA member Fred B. Curto, who had been living in Port Richey, Florida.

#### **VNA TO PUBLISH BOOK ON VIRGINIA TOKENS**

VNA's Publications Committee is starting to work on David E. Schenkman's proposed book on Virginia Tokens.

The book will include all types of Virginia tokens (but no medals), including merchants, transportation, coal scrip, etc. They will be listed by towns and illustrated where possible.

Present plans call for the book to be the same size as the ones previously published by VNA, 8½" by 11", with the book to be printed in time to be introduced at the 1979 VNA Convention at Natural Bridge.

It is requested that anyone with information on Virginia tokens will get in touch with the author, David E. Schenkman, P.O. Box 375, Bryans Road, MD 20616. (Please note new address.)

#### **NEWS OF OUR CLUBS**

#### FREDERICKSBURG COIN CLUB

Club members are making plans for the 9th Annual Coin show to be held at the Holiday Inn South, on U.S. Route 1 near the Massaponax Exit of I-95, on Saturday and Sunday, February 10 and 11, 1979. For information, write: J.R. Allen, 1005 Sophia Street, Fredericksburg, VA 22401, or telephone: 703-373-2646 (days), 703-972-2739 (evenings).

#### WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Starting off the fall meetings were programs by Dave Amey, on Estate Planning in Numismatics and Mendel Peterson, on Sunken Treasure.

All of the Washington area clubs were pleased with the MWNA Convention held during the summer.

#### SALEM COIN CLUB

The Salem Coin Club meetings are held the second Monday of each month at the Salem-Roanoke County Civic Center at 7:30 PM. All visitors are welcome to attend and participate.

#### **TIDEWATER COIN CLUB**

An interesting program by Anne Winter, on "The Tribute Penny", was scheduled for the October meeting at the Library in the Virginia Wesleyan College.

The Board of Directors is starting on plans for the 1979 COIN-A-RAMA to be held next spring.

#### SHENANDOAH VALLEY COIN CLUB

Club plans for starting the fall season are a trip to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington and a joint meeting with the Harrisonburg Coin Club. Visitors are welcome at the meetings in Fishersville.

#### KENT COIN CLUB

We are pleased to welcome to our Board of Directors, Mr. Stephen R. Taylor from the Kent Coin Club, in Dover, Delaware, on the Eastern Shore. Steve has been very active in his own club, and has exhibited at shows in many states. The Kent Coin Club Annual Show was the weekend after the VNA Annual Convention in September. Featured at fall meetings were programs on United States Paper Money and Other Hobbies.

#### VIRGINIA PENINSULA COIN CLUB

Featured at the fall Club meetings were reports on the Annual Convention of VNA at Fredericksburg, an Auction and Other Hobbies Night.

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#### **VNA 1978 ANNUAL CONVENTION**

We are indebted to VNA Past President James A. Johnson, Jr., for this report on the 20th Annual Convention in Fredericksburg, taken in part from a Coin & Stamp column in a Richmond newspaper.

To many hobbyists a stamp or coin show is nothing more than a dealers bourse. A collector often pays a flying visit to tour the floor, buying and selling, and leaves without any knowledge of (or participation in) the many other activities available to him. As an example of what might be missed by these "drop in collectors" let us look at some of the highlights of the 20 Annual Convention of the Virginia Numismatic Association held in September in Fredericksburg.

The dealers bourse was, of course, a highlight. Offerings covered the whole gamut of numismatic interests from ancient coins to modern mint issues. As is usual at V N A shows, there was emphasis on Virginia material – paper money, coins and tokens. One of the older dealer-collectors was offering his private collection of Virginia scrip. Some of the items he offered were unpublished specimens heretofor unknown to many advanced collectors of this material. He perhaps did not care whether he made a sale or not since his prices were many times the current market prices on similar items. Perhaps he was testing the market, but some collectors did pay the prices for selected spicemens to acquire these rarities. There was much trading between dealers – with emphasis on choice uncirculated silver dollars and older U S and obsolete paper money.

Exhibits were varied and beautifully displayed. One of them, entered as a non-competitive display, was the exhibit of paper money which won the "Best of Show" award at the American Numismatic Association Convention in Houston, Texas in August, for VNA member Stephen Taylor. Another exhibitor that won an award in his field at the ANA in Houston, David Schenkman, displayed an outstanding group of Virginia tokens. Other displays covered a variety of specialities – one from Virginia County notes (including two that are unique), to U S type sets, Canadian coins and Love Tokens. With the current rash of coin thefts, it is rare for such choice material to leave safe deposit boxes except for exhibits under 24 hour guard protection like the VNA Show. "One look is worth a thousand words" and dedicated collectors in all numismatic fields profited from the unselfish sharing of these beautiful exhibits by their owners.

Another way to add to your collection is to participate in the auction held by Frank and Laurese Katen, featuring coins, medals currency and numismatic literature covering many areas of collecting.

The Society of Paper Money Collectors held a regional meeting at a luncheon (which was also the educational program for the Convention). Many of the SPMC directors and members were present, along with VNA Conventionaoers.

The luncheon dessert was a slide program of highlights from recent acquisitions of paper money by the Smithsonian Institution. It was given by Dr. and

Mrs. Clain-Stefanelli. Curators of Numismatics at the Smithsonian. In recent months this Institution has received two important paper money collections, the Chase Manhattan Bank Collection and the U.S. Treasury Department Collection. Both collections are rich in extremely rare specimens that an ordinary collector would never see, and the 100 or more beautiful color slides gave us a chance to examine these gems closely. Mrs. Stefanelli has done exhaustive research on these specimens - which ranged from the earliest Ming notes (13th century) of China, to the \$100,000 U S note (picturing President Wilson), and to the Hundred Million Billion Pengo note (1 plus 22 zeros) of World War II inflation times in Hungary. Her detailed comments on the history, rarity and background of each note brought it vividly alive. Dr. Stefanelli answered a series of questions from the floor, such as what plastic protection does the Smithsonian recommend to prevent deterioration of paper money in storage. He also gave an account of his fifteen year diplomatic campaign to persuade the U.S. Treasury Department to transfer its priceless collection of paper money to the Smithsonian, successfully completed within the past few months.

The chief speaker at the delicious Farmers Style Buffet Banquet was Grover C. Criswell, President of the American Numis matic Association. On this occasion he dropped his usual air of exuberance and spoke in a quiet and dignified manner of his ideals for the A N A, and his follow collectors. He told us just what he is doing to further these ideals. Among the numismatic projects that he is endorsing before Congress and the nation is a proposed gold commemorative coin (or medal) to be issued by the Mint in 1981 in honor of the Bicentennial of the surrender at Yorktown, Virginia, and the end of the Revolutionary War. He also mentioned, in answer to a question from the floor, that the possibility of issuing commemorative paper money was under discussion with the paper money officials in Washington.

ANA Past President John J. Pittman, now a member of the ANA Board of Governors, and ANA Governor Charles J. O'Donnell were also present and contributed to answers to questions from the floor pertaining to the ANA.

Other highlights of the Banquet were the installation of new VNA officers and presentation of awards for VNA activities during the past year and exhibiting at the Show.

Many members took advantage of the bus tour visiting historic sites of this area of Virginia on Saturday afternoon.

At a breakfast for Club Representatives, VNA officials unveiled the prototype of an updating of the various Educational Slide Programs. In this the slide changes automatically cued to the taped oral presentation. An informal discussion at the breakfast centered on how local coin clubs could improve their programs and how VNA could help them attain their goals.

Old timers and newcomers alike took time on Saturday night to attend the "Rag-Pickers" get-together to talk about paper money.

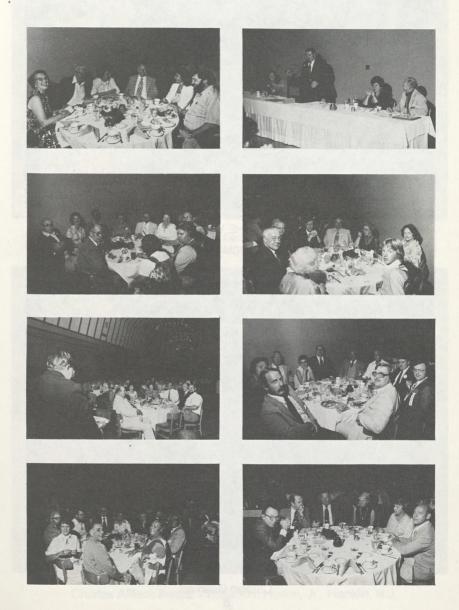
Perhaps the most important asset of such a Convention is the opportunity for fellow collectors to associate, talk, even brag a bit, in a spirit of cooperation rather than competition. We all return from such contacts refreshed and

ready to face again our self imposed challenges.

We can only urge that next time you attend your Convention, you participate fully in its program. Both you and your organization will benefit.

Both written and photographic reports on the Convention are presented in this issue. Be sure to look at the pictures and see how many of your friends you can find.





#### **V N A AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION**



MAN OF THE YEAR – 1978 Dr. Douglas B. Ball



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# SOCIETY OF PAPER MONEY COLLECTORS HOLD MEETING AT VNA SHOW!



## Virginia Token Rotebook

David E. Schenkman, NLG (all rights reserved by the author)

In my last column, which started a listing of Virginia trade token denominations known to me, I pointed out that this list would probably not be complete. And, although nobody has written to add a new denomination to those listed (1/4¢ through 21/2¢), I did have an interesting experience at the Houston A.N.A. Convention in August. A California dealer, who stocks a good selection of tokens, asked me to come by his table and look at a couple of Virginia tokens. Much to my surprise one of them turned out to be the 31/2¢ denomination described in this issue. I had never heard of a Virginia token with this denomination, and it took a California dealer to discover it. What next?

And now let's continue the listing . . . .





3¢ – An easy denomination to acquire. 3¢ tokens were used by many canning companies. The Boone Mill Supply Company was a general store and canners of tomatoes and green beans.





3½¢ – Here is the token mentioned above. This is a really unusual denomination, although a logical one when you consider that it represents one third of a dime. I don't know what type business G.W. Wallace operated in Big Stone Gap, but I also have a 5¢ denomination of this token. Both are struck in aluminum.





4¢ – Most people consider this to be a very uncommon denomination, and in many states it is. In Virginia, however, several canning companies used 4¢ tokens. They were probably paid to laborers as a unit of work, redeemable at the company's store.





5¢ – No comment is necessary. This is the most common denomination of trade token. Anyone know what type business W.M. Gease was engaged in?





5¢ – Here is a 5¢ denomination with an unusual twist! I know of no other Virginia token with the Roman numeral "V" used. I have seen several specimens of this type, however, so it is obtainable. C.C. Trent operated a saloon in Lynchburg in the 1890's, and possibly a little later. The usage of the Roman numeral on a token makes sense when you consider that the U.S. 5¢ piece in circulation during this period utilized the same "V". Incidently, I have seen several trade tokens from other states with this denomination.





6¢ – This is a very unusual denomination for any token. Fortunately for Virginia token collectors, the issues of Huffman Auto Store Inc. are fairly easy to obtain. This store was located in Richmond, as the address would indicate.





7¢ – The comments written for the 6¢ denomination apply for this one, which is another denomination of the Huffman Auto Store series. Both tokens have the same obverse. As a matter of fact, there are tokens of 2¢, 3¢, 4¢ and 5¢ which were also issued by this company.





8¢ – This is the highest denomination known for Huffman Auto Store, and it has a different obverse die, as can be seen by comparing this photo with that of the 6¢ denomination. All these tokens are aluminum.





 $10\phi$  - As with the  $5\phi$  denomination, no comments are necessary.





12½¢ – This denomination is fairly common on western trade tokens. 12½¢ is "a bit" – half of a quarter (two bits). On tokens from the east this is a scarce denomination. I have only seen it on one other Virginia token, and both are rare.

#### **APPLICANTS FOR REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

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Maryland State Numismatic Association	Sheraton Motor Inn Exit 30-W, Capital Beltway New Carrolton, Maryland	April 20-22, 1979
Tidewater Coin Club	Sheraton Motor Inn 36th & Atlantic Virginia Beach	March 17-18, 1979

#### **VARIETY COLLECTING**

#### by Dennis Fritts

Have you ever felt that coin collecting was getting too expensive? Have you ever thought you might give up this wonderful hobby because you could not afford to make any new acquisitions? Well, I have.

Everytime I begin thinking this way I go back and take a "re-look" at my small collection. Every "re-look" provides a new desire to expand my knowl-

edge and a renewal of interest.

What's the secret? Simple, just take a particular series and study it closely. It helps to have a copy of a leading variety publication, but that's not necessary. If you are lucky you will find an unreported variety, which can open up many hours of hobby enjoyment.

Most of us fall into the category of date and mint collectors or type collectors. Either category offers hours and hours of enjoyment when you discover

the wonderful array of varieties that exist.

Variety collecting has become so popular that even the American Numismatic Association (ANA) has recognized its appeal. Nearly all our major hobby publications devote space to this interesting aspect of the arena of coin collecting.

There are at least two major clubs in existence that cater solely to the seeker of mint varieties. Numismatic Error Collectors of America (NECA) and Collectors of Numismatic Errors (CONE). Both have their own newsletters and have a strong following. Membership in both of these organizations has shown a remarkable growth over the past few years. There are a number of other state and regional clubs available for those interested.

Men like Alan Herbert of "Numismatic News", Tom DeLorey of "Coin World", and Bill Fiaz have done a lot to spread the flames of enthusiasm in this growing hobby area. All three men are well known for their willingness to aid new error or variety collectors. For a self addressed stamped envelope (sase) all three

are willing to provide answers to numismatic questions.

If your interest has been aroused, find yourself a good magnifying glass, at least 6x, and proceed. Take a good look at those coins you placed in 2x2's several years ago, a good series to start with is the Lincoln cent. Look closely at the lettering, dates, and mint marks. Keep your eyes alert for unusual marks and surface disturbances. Remember all the varieties you find may not be from the mint. Two excellent books that will help you tell the difference are THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO MINT ERRORS and MODERN MINT MISTAKES. Both books contain a wealth of information that will make your new found interest more meaningful and rewarding.

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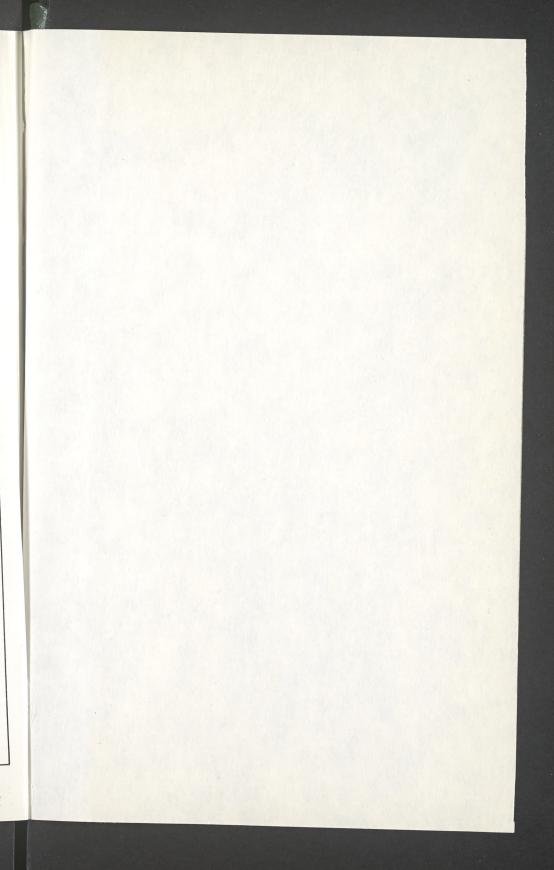


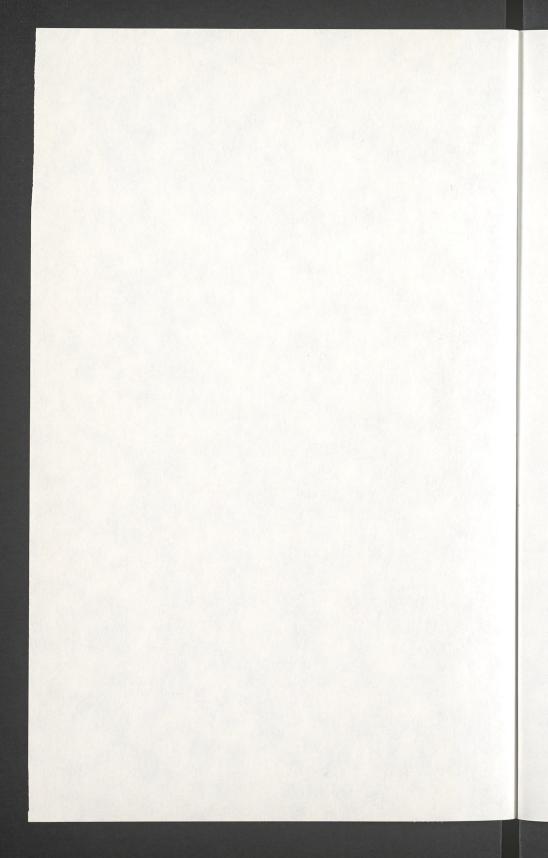
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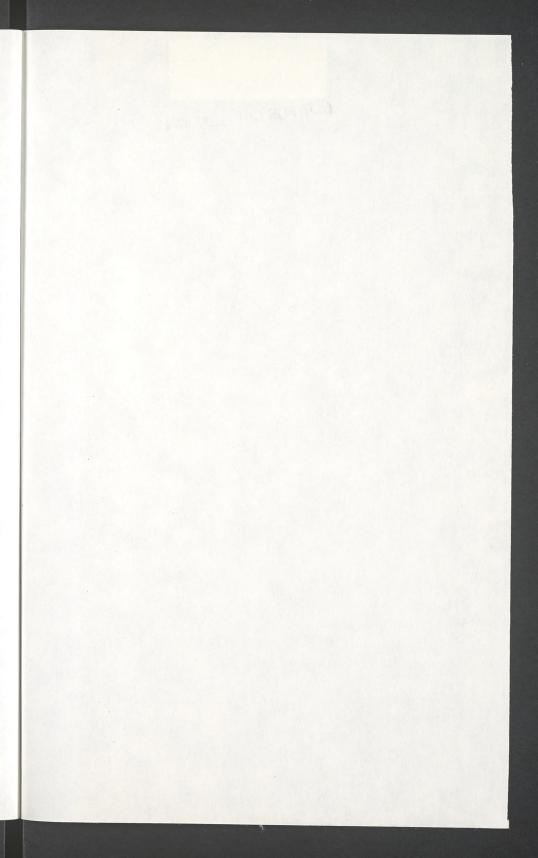
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